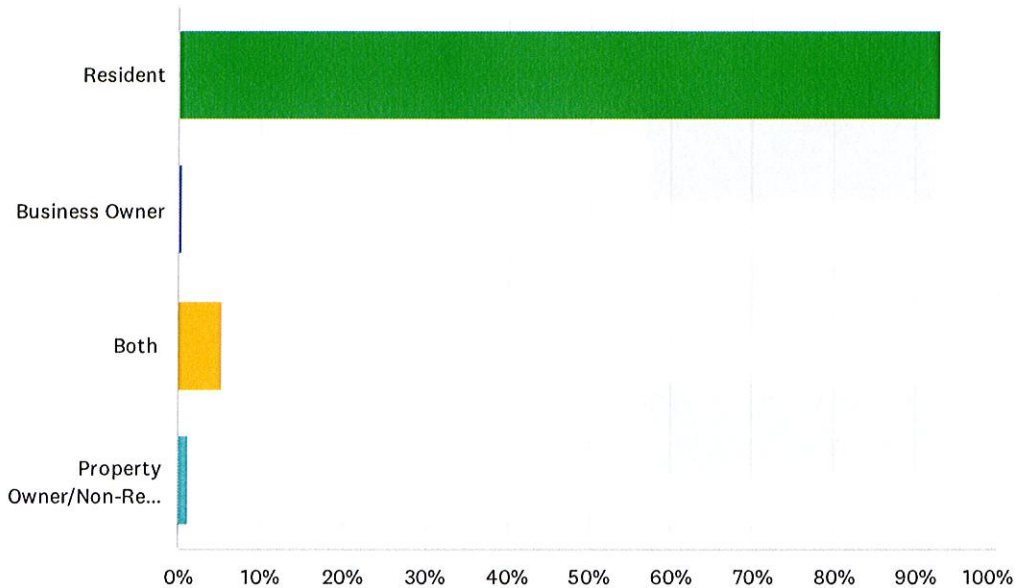


Q1 Are you completing this survey as a Resident, Business Owner, or Both?

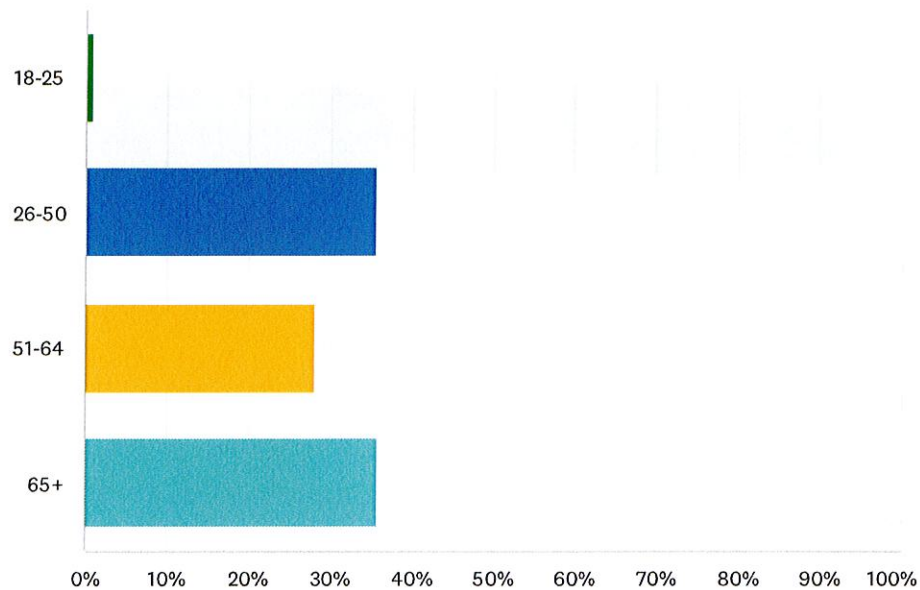
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Resident	92.93%	697
Business Owner	0.40%	3
Both	5.33%	40
Property Owner/Non-Resident	1.33%	10
TOTAL		750

# Q2 What is your age range?

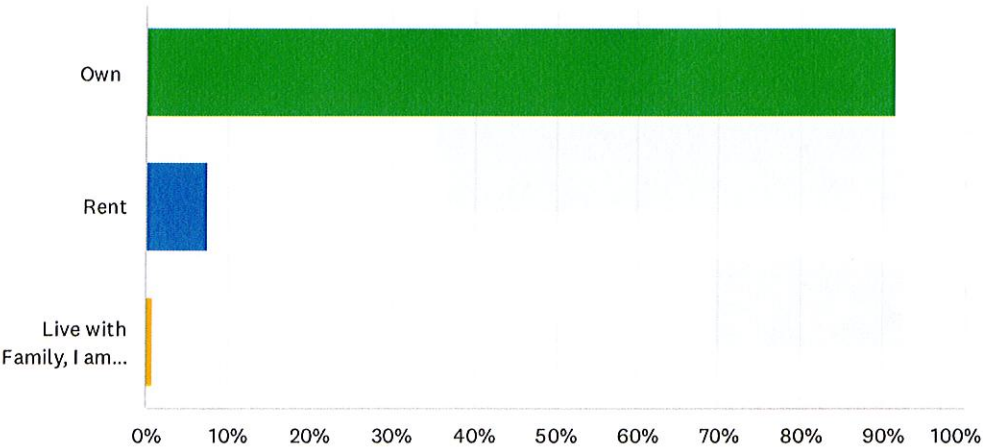
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
18-25	0.94%	7
26-50	35.56%	266
51-64	28.07%	210
65+	35.83%	268
Total Respondents: 748		

Q3 Do you currently Own or Rent?

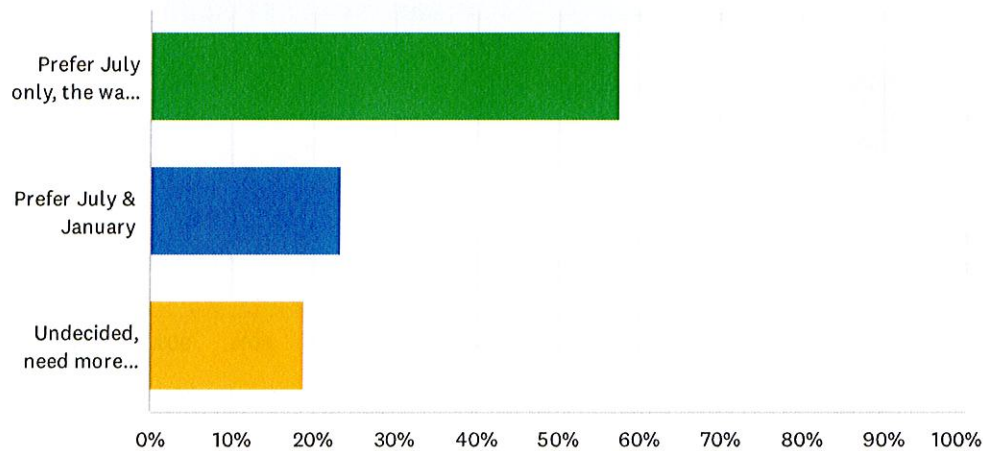
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Own	91.54%	682
Rent	7.52%	56
Live with Family, I am a resident but dont pay mortgage or rent	0.94%	7
TOTAL		745

Q4 If you were given the option, would you prefer motor-vehicle tax bills to be due and payable in July & January, the same as real estate tax payments?

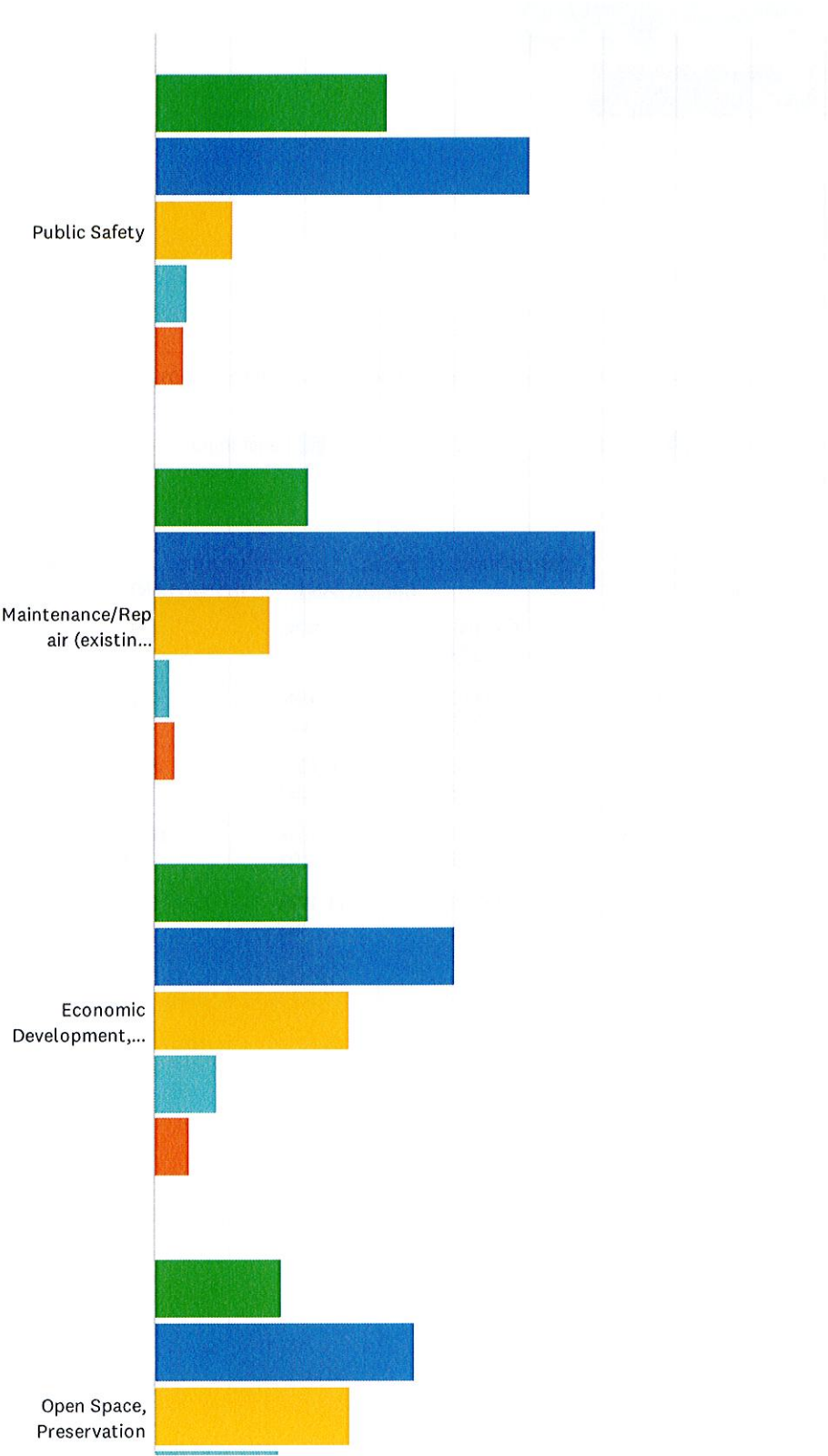
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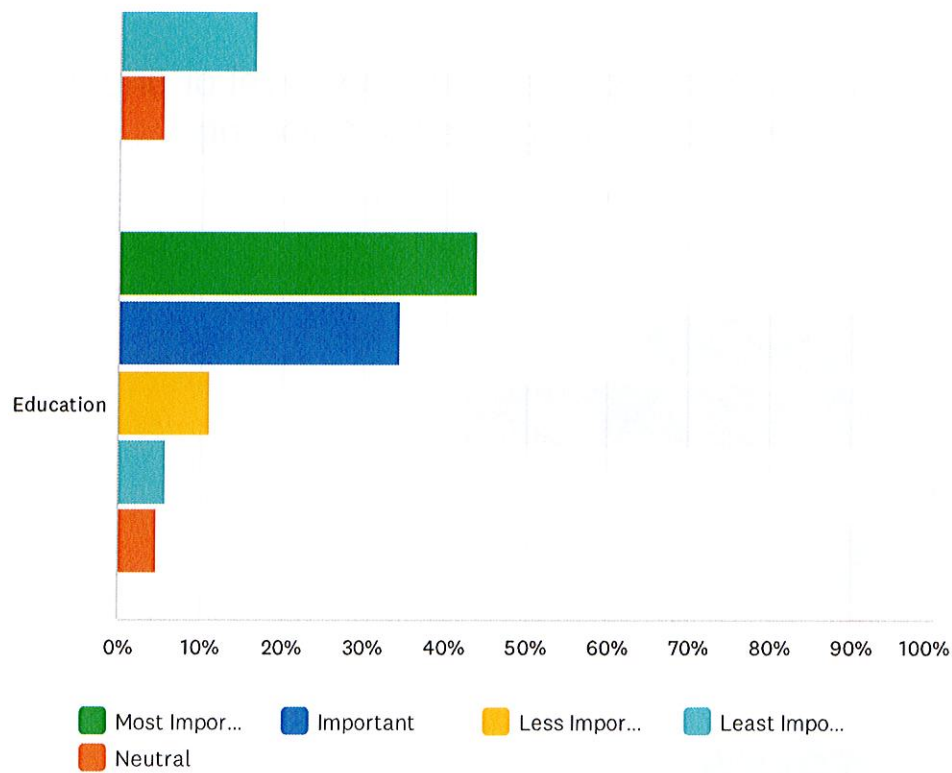


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Prefer July only, the way it is now	57.49%	430
Prefer July & January	23.53%	176
Undecided, need more information	18.98%	142
TOTAL		748

Q5 All points being important, please rate your level of priority spending in 2022-2023 budget to the following:

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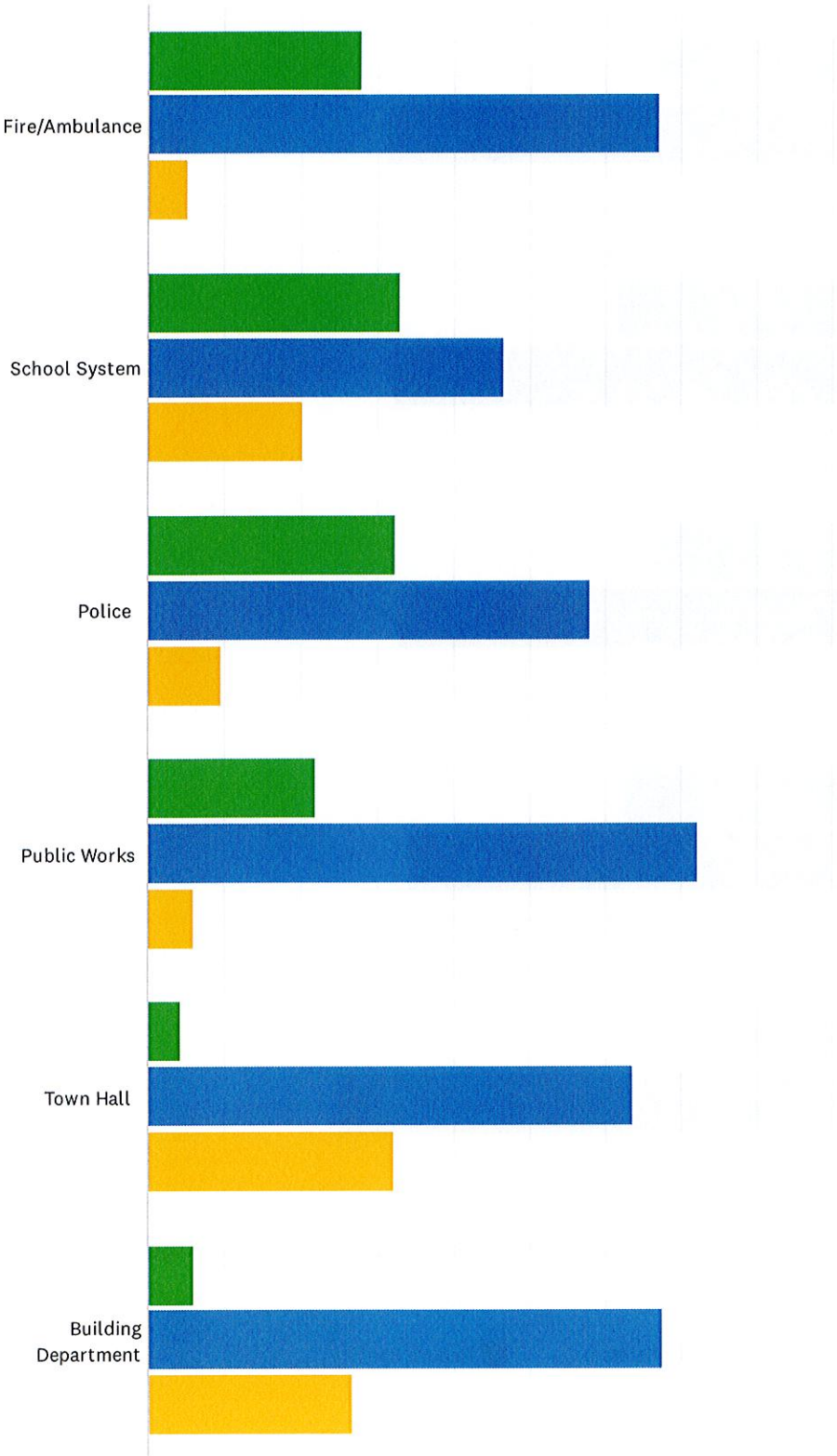


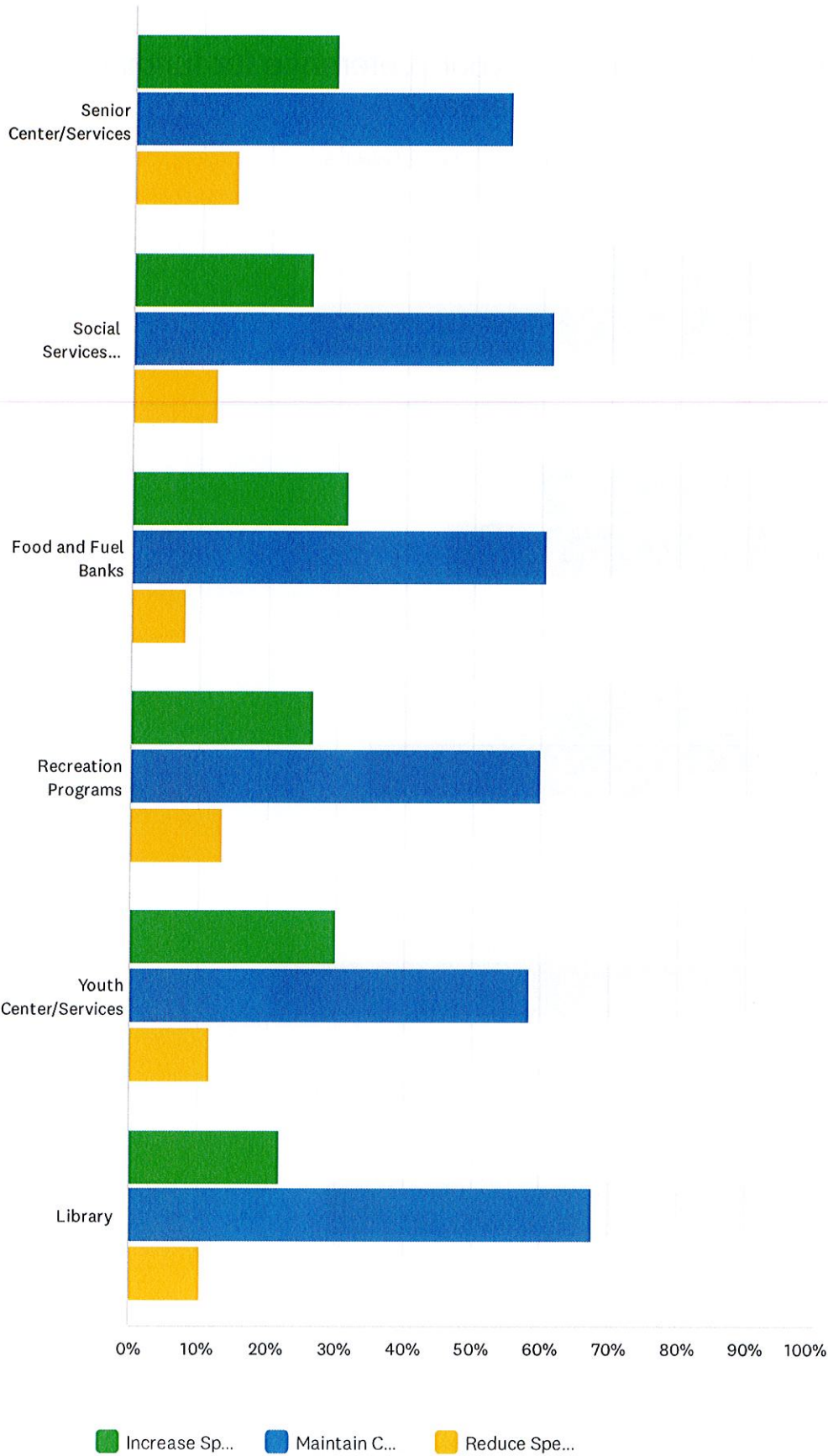


	MOST IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	LESS IMPORTANT	LEAST IMPORTANT	NEUTRAL	TOTAL
Public Safety	31.22% 232	50.20% 373	10.36% 77	4.31% 32	3.90% 29	743
Maintenance/Repair (existing structures, properties)	20.59% 153	59.08% 439	15.48% 115	2.15% 16	2.69% 20	743
Economic Development, expansion	20.78% 154	40.22% 298	26.18% 194	8.23% 61	4.59% 34	741
Open Space, Preservation	16.96% 125	34.87% 257	26.19% 193	16.69% 123	5.29% 39	737
Education	44.01% 327	34.45% 256	11.17% 83	5.65% 42	4.71% 35	743

Q6 In 2022-2023 Budget, what is your preference for funding the following areas?

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	INCREASE SPENDING	MAINTAIN CURRENT SPENDING	REDUCE SPENDING	TOTAL
Fire/Ambulance	27.93% 205	66.89% 491	5.18% 38	734
School System	33.11% 244	46.68% 344	20.22% 149	737
Police	32.47% 239	58.02% 427	9.51% 70	736
Public Works	21.93% 161	72.07% 529	5.99% 44	734
Town Hall	4.36% 32	63.49% 466	32.15% 236	734
Building Department	5.94% 43	67.40% 488	26.66% 193	724
Senior Center/Services	29.54% 218	55.28% 408	15.18% 112	738
Social Services (excluding Food and Fuel Banks)	26.29% 194	61.38% 453	12.33% 91	738
Food and Fuel Banks	31.48% 232	60.65% 447	7.87% 58	737
Recreation Programs	26.69% 197	59.89% 442	13.41% 99	738
Youth Center/Services	29.99% 221	58.34% 430	11.67% 86	737
Library	21.96% 161	67.67% 496	10.37% 76	733

#	ADDITIONAL COMMENTS	DATE
1	Only increase education spending if it is allocated to learning supplies and not teachers salaries and pension.	2/15/2022 9:28 AM
2	freeze property tax on seniors 65 and older with single family homes no rentals and owner must live in the house	2/12/2022 11:44 AM
3	Absent any other definition, my interpretation of "maintain", "increase", "reduce" is literal, i.e., "maintains" means no change in line item values from prior budget.	2/10/2022 3:20 PM
4	Tax breaks for all seniors	2/10/2022 11:22 AM
5	All important but not at my expense. Please don't raise taxes	2/9/2022 10:20 AM
6	Expanding the business component of the grand list is the key to sustainability for the town and easing the burden on our citizens. We will not cut our way to saving the taxpayers money. When combined with the lack of investment in recent years, further cuts will drastically affect critical services and very often end up costing the town much more in the long term. We need renewed responsible and consistent investment in our town. If he truly is committed to saving the taxpayers money, the First Selectman and the Economic Development Committee must prioritize bringing additional businesses to Colchester and foster an inviting, and inclusive atmosphere to make businesses want to make Colchester their home.	2/8/2022 5:53 PM
7	none	2/8/2022 11:34 AM
8	See results against budget each year with explanation where differences exceed \$5,000 on each item, Town and education budgets.	2/7/2022 4:02 PM
9	To keep up and maintain what we currently have and enhance services we need to increase spending. Over the past 10 years I've watched our resources and facilities (especially the	2/6/2022 1:42 PM

RecPlex) become embarrassingly run down, because investments weren't made to maintain them or replace them. It is also terrifying as someone with aging parents in town that we do not have 24 hour Paramedic coverage, I thought it was approved years ago for this to happen but we still don't have it.

10	The senior center particularly it's transportation services have been crucial to my life here in Colchester. I'd like more of both, but particularly the medical transportation . I have had to forgo treatments that were beneficial because the medical transportation service is over booked. In addition, I have had physicians appointments and tests postponed months because the driver has other priorities. The timeliness of these treatments is important. The harm caused by the lack of such timeliness has been the subject of many articles recently regarding the pandemic. One of the things the senior center does is travel to restaurants for lunch. But we haven't visited anyplace within Colchester. itself. One coming in FEB . I think that would be appropriate, I would love to have the senior center bus take us to other local events on The Green like the farmers market. The buses don't travel at night or the weekends so we can't go to the movies, or inish more or some of the establishments that don't offer lunch. I'd think one night a week or one Sunday a month would be a big plus for those of us who don't drive.	2/6/2022 11:41 AM
11	The roads are in an awful state and need to be repaved. Not repaired and not by using the gravel material used in the past.	2/5/2022 5:55 PM
12	We have to stop tax increases or maintain them because not everybody has more money to spend on them	2/5/2022 8:58 AM
13	Please make sure we prioritize the things that draw people to our town, especially our school system. They have done a wonderful job through the pandemic.	2/4/2022 3:55 PM
14	A lot of wasteful spending in the schools !	2/4/2022 3:55 PM
15	This is very hard to answer if the current amounts are not shown.	2/4/2022 2:06 PM
16	Don't know all the detail of each therefore am not able to give an intelligent response.	2/4/2022 10:21 AM
17	We can not continue to have tax increases, we can't afford them	2/3/2022 10:58 AM
18	Programs and services that directly support families with young children are important to me.	2/3/2022 9:19 AM
19	Open Bidding von all projects 0 tp a multibillion...multi billion... backdoor deals or corruption... More contract percentage for local woman business enterprise	2/3/2022 12:16 AM
20	I don't support increased spending without increasing our tax base. We should look to increase our grand list by encouraging sensible commercial and industrial growth.	2/2/2022 9:06 PM
21	don't know enough about the different departments and current spending to comment	2/2/2022 8:42 PM
22	you should look into smaller vehicles for senior center transportation and fuel cost?	2/2/2022 7:49 PM
23	Thank you for including the thoughts of your constituents. We love Colchester!	2/2/2022 6:24 PM
24	Senior Center Library arts/crafts, cooking (beginner to advanced), (beginner to advanced), A variety of how to books beginner to advanced. More classes at Senior Center for hands on embroidery beginner to advanced, quilting beginner to advanced, sewing beginner to advanced etc... better utilization of building and space. Minimal charge for classes if providing items for class minimal charge for the items buying bulk. Many seniors have talents within the above references pay them a minimal fee for sharing their talents. Our seniors are a great asset and resource capitalize on them; do the necessary surveys to find out just exactly what we have available to us as resources from our seniors. Encourage crafts to be sold at craft fairs at the senior center! Small entrance fee for space utilized-fees will benefit only the library at the senior center. One dollar contribution by public as adults only. This contribution will benefit the senior centers library only. Does providing for library updates and expansions example books and supplies to run the library and to keep track of items in the library.	2/2/2022 5:37 PM
25	Do your best to hold the line on increasing any spending that would increase taxes, and if possible reduce taxation.	2/2/2022 4:08 PM
26	Additional funding should be allocated to the rec plex to maintain and upgrade the fields. Our fields are embarrassing compared to the surrounding towns	2/2/2022 2:53 PM
27	I have lived in town over 20 years. I have seen a consistent decline in the town especially appearance. The parks and town green look run down and are not maintained. Big increase in	2/2/2022 10:11 AM

	litter, and lack of maintenance. I have seen curbs and signs that have been broken for years. I love Colchester but the general appearance is dumpy especially when compared to Hebron/Marlborough	
28	The town needs to look at their spending and look for ways to save money. Personal agendas need to be put aside. More pride needs to be taken on what this town looks like to outsiders. There are other needs, more than just education.	2/2/2022 6:29 AM
29	Increase spending in youth services to include, but not limited to sports fields, turf fields, youth center, play-scapes, parks, etc...	2/2/2022 6:03 AM
30	Honestly, you already have lots of money left over at the end of the year!!! You do. We know you do!! So allocate it differently and do the right thing. Spend our money the way you would spend your own money -- unless you are gamblers and piss away your own money -- then think about being conservative and doing right by the people.	2/2/2022 5:43 AM
31	reduce tax on homes and cars. if the car is old and broken down, why should someone spend money on it?? or why do we have to pay car tax twice in a year?	2/2/2022 3:50 AM
32	Increase spending for Police coverage. Increase funding to public works. This department is understaffed as evidenced by overall look of town/ uncut grass/weeds/field maintenance.Repair Youth Services building. Increase Senior Services as Senior population is growing. Improve Rec Plex and fields.	2/1/2022 11:21 PM
33	Seniors need more help	2/1/2022 10:34 PM
34	It's hard to give an accurate answer when you don't know exactly what these departments do right now or have as a budget. The areas I chose to increase are ones that I think people will benefit from most directly.	2/1/2022 10:04 PM
35	We need to maintain the buildings we have so that they do not deteriorate and need more money then the town can handle in the future. Also, the town park really needs to be replaced with a nice play structure.	2/1/2022 9:47 PM
36	Remove funding for CORE commission.	2/1/2022 9:39 PM
37	Without information on each department and their specific needs how can I answer this question in an informed way?	2/1/2022 9:37 PM
38	Transfer station hours are bad. Really need another day or later time on Saturday.	2/1/2022 9:26 PM
39	All areas need to spend wisely. Overall budget should maintain or reduce, but we really need to make sure we are spending on beneficial things, not liberal BS programs	2/1/2022 9:09 PM
40	I think that we should look at teacher bonuses. Other states and towns are trying to retain good teachers by offering bonuses for staying in their town. Teaching is really hard right now and has been for the past few years. I think teachers need some incentive and a bonus for all of the extra time they have been spending outside of school hours prepping, planning, etc for the constantly changing environment.	2/1/2022 8:44 PM
41	Please focus on blight. Local police are a bit of a joke for me. I called them, as someone had broken into our previous home. They never came. I will always look to our own troop k as the resource most reliable. The school system focuses on special needs children. That is fine, but children who are on the path to exceed at in the back of focus. Do better with the money you have. We pay so much in taxes, and get little in return.	2/1/2022 7:26 PM
42	Climate change should be top priority	2/1/2022 6:53 PM
43	Youth need both physical and mental services. Seniors are spending time out and on the many trips offered and the space at the center is not utilized as it should. Many afternoons the building is half empty with programs or services.	2/1/2022 6:50 PM
44	I would like to see thing made more efficient in general. I think our fire department does a fine job and see no need to have them obtain an ambulance service or paramedics. I think Middlesex hospital provides excellent service. I would like the school system to be maintained. I would like to see new business and restaurants join the colchester community. But at the same time I do not want colchester to become the next Glastonbury. The library and youth services are great.	2/1/2022 6:33 PM
45	We need to prioritize significant investments in the buildings in the most disrepair, such as the	2/1/2022 6:09 PM

	youth center.	
46	School sports should be okay and pay as other districts do.	2/1/2022 5:54 PM
47	Public safety is the most important thing to a town.	2/1/2022 5:42 PM
48	Public Safety is a real issue these days	2/1/2022 5:38 PM
49	Add more support for youth in crisis and at risk	2/1/2022 5:07 PM
50	I would like to see more thought be put towards maintaining a balanced budget while increasing services and opportunities for residents. The same as businesses have to do.	2/1/2022 4:35 PM
51	Fire has just had an enormous influx of capital funding (paid for by taxpayers on borrowed money), which should carry it forward for years.	2/1/2022 3:32 PM
52	Taxes too high in this town	2/1/2022 3:13 PM
53	I would request that the definitions of each are added - for example what does social services or youth center/services mean? Also I don't know what the current budget is to compare my responses to.	2/1/2022 3:10 PM
54	education budget needs an overhaul - a REAL overhaul - cost control and consolidation of costs based against reduced student population	2/1/2022 2:43 PM
55	Need to increase spending on equity and anti-racism efforts since the current first selectman needs to be educated in these matters.	2/1/2022 2:36 PM
56	Even though we do not have children in the school system we believe that it is critical for potential town growth.	2/1/2022 2:36 PM
57	Have Andreas pay for the disbarred lawyer out of his own salary	2/1/2022 2:33 PM
58	I think the social and youth services is grossly overfunded. Why does the director earn as much as the first selectman? What do they actually do to need so many people? The number of youth in town has declined dramatically but this budget continues to grow. The Senior Center serves more citizens for far less money.	2/1/2022 2:26 PM
59	If you want to improve the town, you need to spend the money. This includes spending more to properly maintain existing resources. The RecPlex (including the tennis and basketball courts), other public sports fields and facilities are in horrible condition. The buildings at the RecPlex are run down and need of repair - this did not happen over night, it's the result of decades of not properly funding necessary maintenance and incremental improvements.	2/1/2022 2:24 PM
60	I don't have a good idea of current funding levels or needs of each area so not really sure how to answer these. Is there anyway a summary overview can be made available? Reading through the full town finance reports is time consuming and not everyone has a good financial background. Would be nice to have something that shows some quick stats like how we stack up against other towns in the area and what the major needs or planned activities are for each.	2/1/2022 2:22 PM
61	Seniors on fixed incomes are suffering greatly during these inflationary times. Struggling to hang onto their homes and put food on the table.	2/1/2022 2:14 PM
62	Personal opinion, this is not the appropriate way to gage the town as I don't know what you are necessarily putting in all these categories, nor do I know their budget needs. I love this town and all that it offers and I am willing to put forth the taxes to pay for all that we enjoy. All the points above in the previous two questions are important and must be handled on an individual basis based on need. I checked to increase all budgets as my guess is, to maintain current levels of programing, safety and support for residents, there will need to be increases.	2/1/2022 2:12 PM
63	Would love to see a town pool get considered.	2/1/2022 2:03 PM
64	Cut Taxes, we have a 30% reduction in the number of school children, cut the education budget.	2/1/2022 1:58 PM
65	find efficiencies, reduce waste.	2/1/2022 1:55 PM
66	There should always be an increase in spending - the cost of things goes up and therefore, town expenses should go up.	2/1/2022 1:51 PM
67	The amount of spending is irrelevant if the money is not being spent wisely. The schools are	2/1/2022 1:49 PM

stuck with state mandates that require a lot of administrative staff versus teachers. Further, the amount of money you spend on anything is not correlative to superior results. Inner cities spend more per pupil than Colchester and the lack of results speak for themselves. I have kids in the school system and I know that their success has nothing to do with whether Colchester increases the education budget. It seems to me that people who think that spending more money on schools will make their kids do better in school are subconsciously hoping that it will so they can continue not helping their kids with school. We all make choices about how we support our kids' education. I am not sure why I need to spend more in taxes because of choices others make with respect to their kids. Broadly speaking, both the town and education budgets are mostly saddled with paying salaries of a union workforce who get paid more each year based on seniority and not performance. Some of us realize that the BOF and BOS have very little ability to reduce spending since the overwhelming majority of our budget is spent on employee salaries that are dictated by the contracts we signed with the union. So good luck to you all in your thankless and fruitless efforts. I am watching the calendar with each year that passes making it one year closer to when I can get out of this once formerly great state.

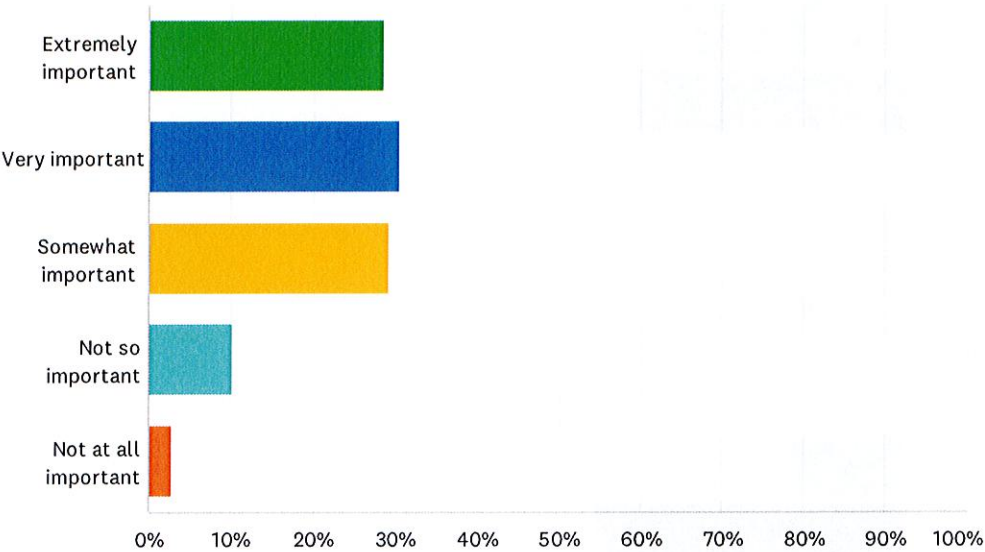
68	Questions are not fair if we don't know the current spending levels and changes	2/1/2022 1:47 PM
69	would like to have the finance department look into exuberant salary's for political offices for the town of Colchester.	2/1/2022 1:38 PM
70	Do ur best	2/1/2022 1:37 PM
71	The youth center is unappealing. It needs renovation and preservation.	2/1/2022 1:34 PM
72	We need to take care of the buildings and and equipment we currently have, the police staffing needs to take care of town needs in keeping residents and businesses safe. With inflation increasing we need to increase and food and fuel banks. Social services needs to increased to cover financial and mental health needs of the residents of all ages.	2/1/2022 1:34 PM
73	We are new to town and I do not feel I know enough facts at the moment to make a thoughtful answer.	2/1/2022 1:33 PM
74	Rec Plex Field Irrigation/Maintenance	2/1/2022 1:27 PM
75	Keep library open later than 8:00.	2/1/2022 1:27 PM
76	Public Safety always takes a back seat and needs to be addressed!	2/1/2022 1:25 PM
77	The student population is decreasing, yet spending increases every year.	2/1/2022 1:22 PM
78	hard to answer these questions accurately without background information in some cases	2/1/2022 1:20 PM
79	Sadly, there is an excessive amount of useless spending in most towns. Many of these budgets could reduce spending with little to no impact on the actual day to day functions.	2/1/2022 1:16 PM
80	We have many areas that need town maintenance, streets, and more by Public Works especially tree work for safety on our streets and trails. Already one fatality in Colchester by the Salmon River years ago, and the dead tree situation is worse now with the Emerald Ash Borer. Public Works for a town our geographical size is small and needs more employees to repair and bring things up the safe standard. They do a very good job, but need more resources, Other safety things important too....I put Fire/Ambulance at maintain current spending since so much added already for new equipment. Senior Center will have new center which is already approved so for regular budget until in new building to see what is needed, leave the same. Library's budget is low for a town our size and is used by so many, it needs to keep up for our residents. For Education, our budget is TOO HIGH and has been for many years. With declining enrollment, and youth problems, it seems like there needs to be a back to basics approach with students - values, basic educational skills, volunteerism to become engaged int he community. I was shocked several times that different students working at fast food restaurants in town could not count change when given bills and coins.	2/1/2022 1:15 PM
81	THE SCHOOL SYSTEM IS THE DRIVING FACTOR FOR THE QUALITY OF OUR TOWN. IF WE CANNOT ATTRACT YOUNG PARENTS TO COLCHESTER OUR TOWN WILL LANGUISH.	2/1/2022 1:14 PM
82	I think due to the exorbitant costs being approved for the new Senior Center, other town spending must be sacrificed. We do not have the capacity for perpetually increasing budgets.	2/1/2022 12:43 PM

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84	We need public transportation in Colchester. Not just for Seniors or the disabled.	2/1/2022 11:51 AM
85	The Library is my lifeline! It's worth every penny!	2/1/2022 11:44 AM
86	Keep costs affordable	2/1/2022 11:30 AM
87	Colchester should help struggling families more	2/1/2022 11:23 AM
88	Do not know enough about current levels to respond	2/1/2022 11:09 AM
89	No tax increases please	2/1/2022 11:06 AM
90	We need to break the cycle of waiting for things to break and start maintaining our assets on a regular basis. Time to hire an outside property management company to manage and repair our buildings.	2/1/2022 10:44 AM
91	We need Pickleball courts so both our Seniors and Younger folks can have more options for outdoor activities.	2/1/2022 10:25 AM
92	With cost of living going up so much most Colchester citizens can not afford more taxes. I personally am thinking of moving out of town as my fixed income is not making it anymore. I have already cut back everywhere I can- food and meds are next.	1/30/2022 4:45 PM
93	maybe our town departments should do some work for the pay they get and communicate with one another.	1/30/2022 1:53 PM
94	I think it very important to create more community programs. We should be investing in the town green and parks for the community to use and enjoy.	1/30/2022 10:08 AM
95	A true Community Center is needed, hence my option to increase spending on recreation. Children and families would greatly benefit from a large area to have classes, indoor sports (rather than at the schools), after-school opportunities, etc.	1/30/2022 12:16 AM
96	Find ways to reduce departmental budgets thru technical advances and Town sharing within our nearby Towns of common services	1/28/2022 10:19 PM
97	Reduce spending, your making it hard for people to live in this Town. All the money that we put into the police and look what happened. Forget crime and car breaking we decided to get an emotional support dog!	1/28/2022 9:59 PM
98	Again this year we have to look to repair and improve Colchester instead of cutting back. We can't keep passing the buck to the future because we are losing people because services are not available.	1/28/2022 9:03 PM

Q7 How important is our rural community, farmland, and open space to you?

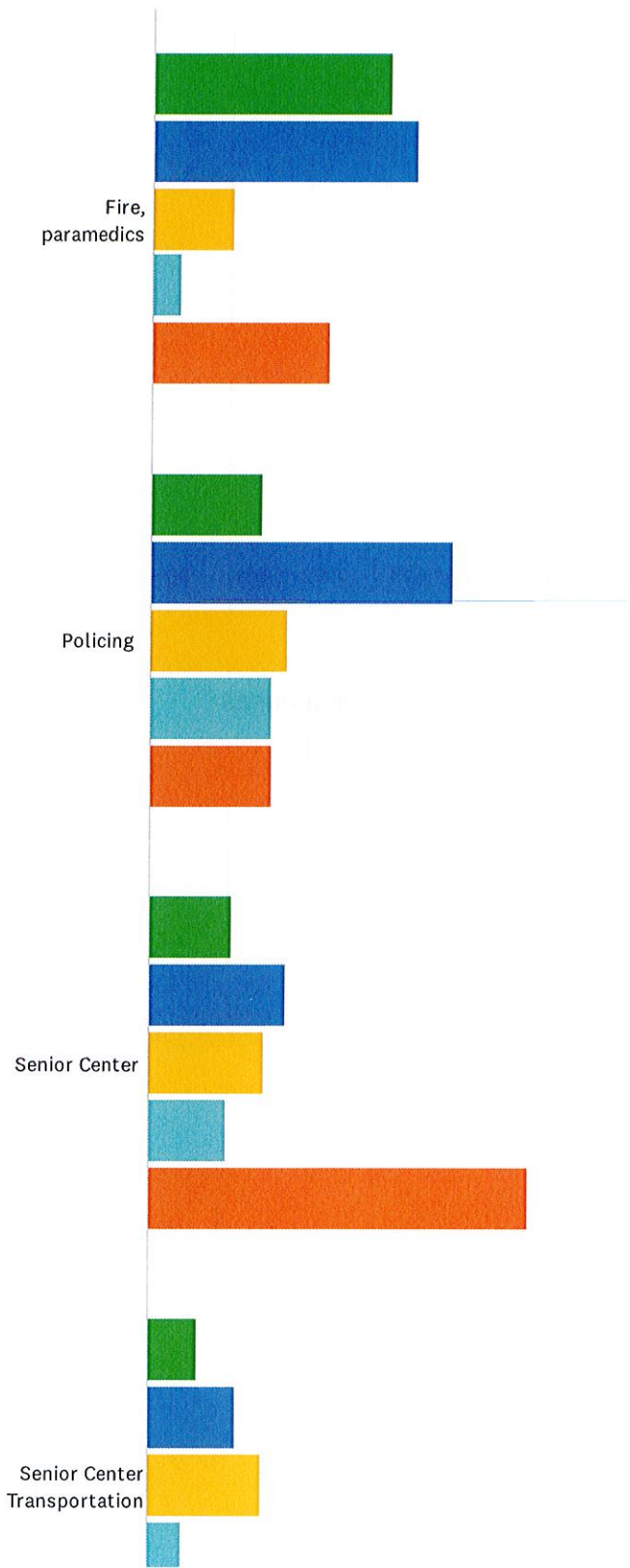
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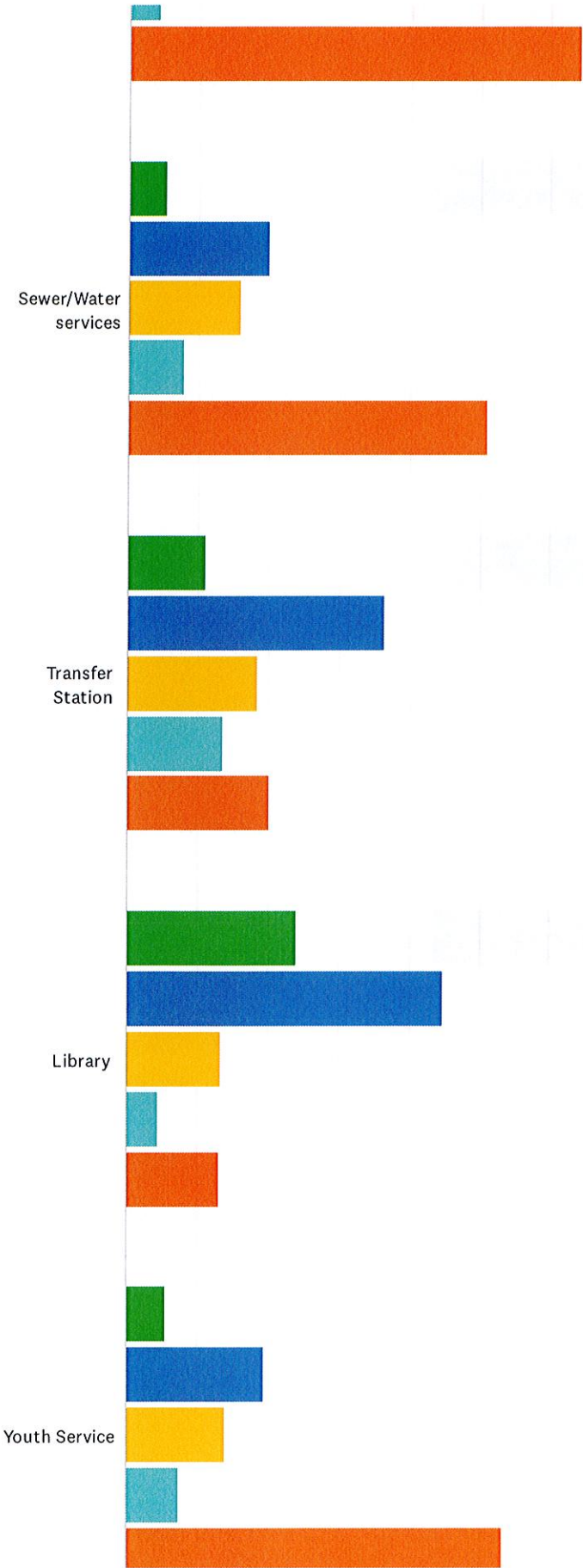


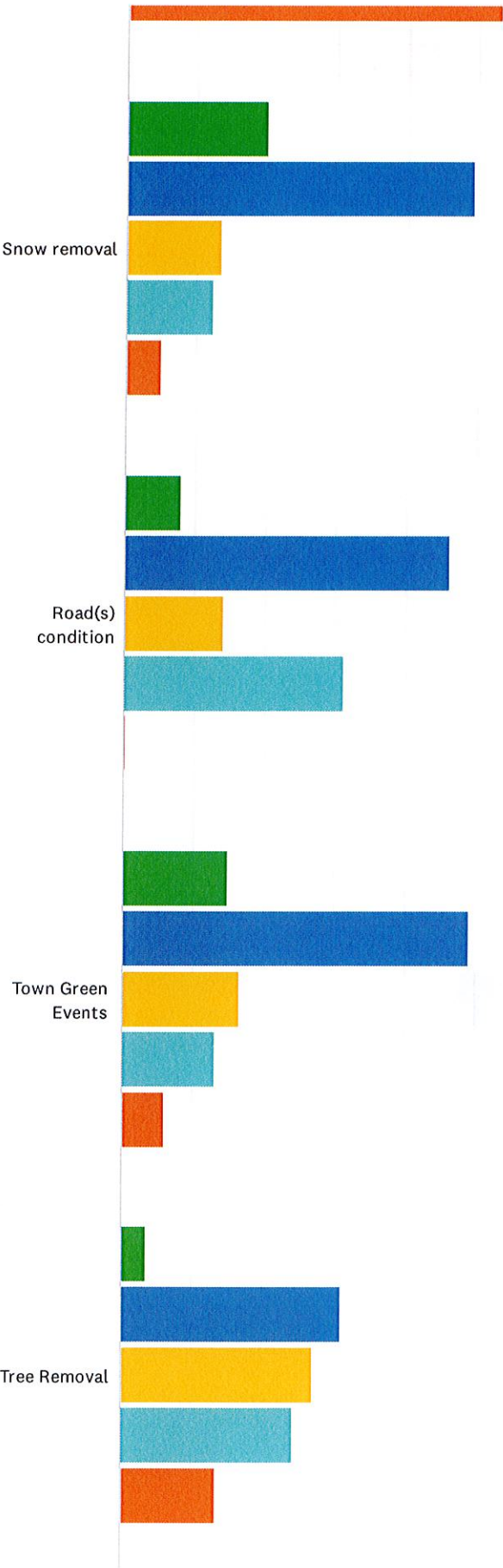
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Extremely important	28.53%	214
Very important	30.53%	229
Somewhat important	29.20%	219
Not so important	10.27%	77
Not at all important	2.80%	21
Total Respondents: 750		

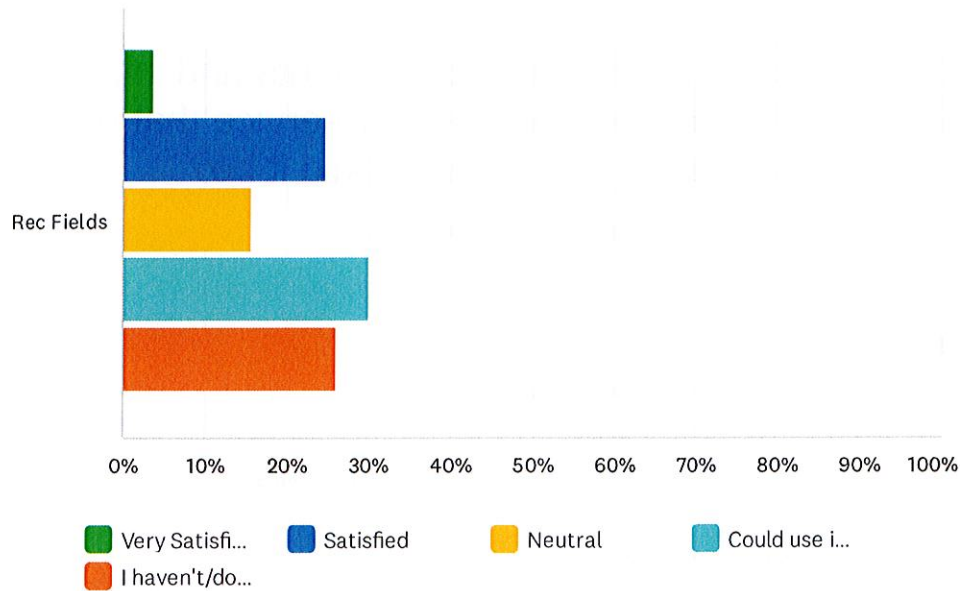
Q8 Rate your satisfaction of use with town services

Answered: 751    Skipped: 0









	VERY SATISFIED	SATISFIED	NEUTRAL	COULD USE IMPROVEMENT	I HAVEN'T/DONT TEND TO USE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Fire, paramedics	30.08% 225	33.56% 251	10.29% 77	3.61% 27	22.46% 168	748	2.55
Policing	14.06% 105	38.15% 285	17.27% 129	15.26% 114	15.26% 114	747	2.80
Senior Center	10.43% 78	17.25% 129	14.44% 108	9.89% 74	47.99% 359	748	3.68
Senior Center Transportation	6.17% 46	11.13% 83	14.21% 106	4.29% 32	64.21% 479	746	4.09
Sewer/Water services	5.23% 39	20.00% 149	15.97% 119	7.79% 58	51.01% 380	745	3.79
Transfer Station	11.10% 83	36.50% 273	18.45% 138	13.64% 102	20.32% 152	748	2.96
Library	24.10% 180	44.71% 334	13.52% 101	4.55% 34	13.12% 98	747	2.38
Youth Service	5.49% 41	19.68% 147	14.06% 105	7.50% 56	53.28% 398	747	3.83
Snow removal	19.95% 149	49.40% 369	13.39% 100	12.45% 93	4.82% 36	747	2.33
Road(s) condition	7.89% 59	46.26% 346	14.17% 106	31.42% 235	0.27% 2	748	2.70
Town Green Events	14.84% 111	49.33% 369	16.58% 124	13.24% 99	6.02% 45	748	2.46
Tree Removal	3.36% 25	31.41% 234	27.38% 204	24.43% 182	13.42% 100	745	3.13
Rec Fields	3.61% 27	24.63% 184	15.66% 117	30.12% 225	25.97% 194	747	3.50

## Q9 Our budget accounts for future replacements and initiatives. If you could recommend a project, improvement or service that our town could start saving for....what would it be?

Answered: 504 Skipped: 247

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Expand public water& sewer system from the town center.	2/15/2022 9:28 AM
2	unsure	2/14/2022 11:05 AM
3	Increased programs and services for seniors, with the new senior center is finally built and opened.	2/13/2022 1:58 PM
4	Economic Development/shopping/restaurants	2/13/2022 12:52 PM
5	.	2/13/2022 11:30 AM
6	Improved Recreation Park.	2/12/2022 12:51 PM
7	stop building new town and senior building and invest in property that is in need of a make over as the abandon chevy dealership	2/12/2022 11:44 AM
8	Get rid of the blight by tearing down the lid car dealer across the street from cvs	2/12/2022 8:18 AM
9	Improve conditions/ aesthetic of Bacon Academy	2/12/2022 7:50 AM
10	Expand RT 85 to relieve traffic around the 3 gas stations.	2/11/2022 11:13 PM
11	I recommend increased spending on the schools, and would also welcome a town pool.	2/11/2022 9:42 PM
12	A town pool.	2/11/2022 9:00 PM
13	Bike lanes	2/11/2022 7:41 PM
14	A recreation center and a new youth center	2/11/2022 7:14 PM
15	Improvement of Bacon Academy	2/11/2022 6:05 PM
16	Norton Park? Such an eyesore & never seems to get started...	2/11/2022 11:58 AM
17	Community center, especially for 15-29 age bracket	2/11/2022 9:18 AM
18	indoor recreation center with pool, courts and space for social connections	2/10/2022 10:40 AM
19	The town has a nice resource in the Cohen Woodlands and it would be nice to expand it should the opportunity arise.	2/10/2022 7:07 AM
20	Air line trail	2/9/2022 8:51 PM
21	An electric bus for in town transit. Lots of people walk a long way to get across town	2/9/2022 6:27 PM
22	Parking in town. Acquire Jack's Chevrolet building and put in meters for parking that the town would get the money from for upkeep and maintenance. It would be a welcome addition and do away with a terrible eyesore in the center of town.	2/9/2022 5:53 PM
23	make the 57 fest free again	2/9/2022 10:20 AM
24	To stay within the budget without increasing taxes.	2/8/2022 10:09 PM
25	Invest more in public education and teacher retention	2/8/2022 8:06 PM
26	If we haven't already done so, must have funds to cover new roof for Bacon Academy, Much interest was expressed lately for a youth and or community center and that should be discussed.	2/8/2022 5:53 PM

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27	anything that may lower taxes.	2/8/2022 1:42 PM
28	unknown	2/8/2022 11:34 AM
29	It would be nice to have a better playground.	2/8/2022 10:22 AM
30	Would love to see a public pool like Glastonbury has. Small fee for residents higher fee for non- residents. I would also like to see more retail, like a Marshalls/ TJMaxx come to town. That would bring more people into Colchester. Unless you live here there's no real good reason to visit.	2/7/2022 10:47 PM
31	Pause. Too much recent spending with gold plated fire trucks and senior center.	2/7/2022 10:11 PM
32	Water mains. Water outage this past weekend with no direction given via phone service as to need to boil water. Only 'let it run a while'.	2/7/2022 9:51 PM
33	Improve planning for long term funds for rec and town equipment.	2/7/2022 6:22 PM
34	incentives for better restaurants/business for downtown area.	2/7/2022 6:07 PM
35	Light remodeling of bacon , overhaul of athletic fields in town. In particular the shared youth football field	2/7/2022 5:48 PM
36	Police station	2/7/2022 5:41 PM
37	Could do a better job attracting substantial businesses to reduce the tax burden on household property taxes.	2/7/2022 4:02 PM
38	improve varsity field at Bacon, add lighting and turf.	2/7/2022 3:21 PM
39	--	2/7/2022 3:05 PM
40	Renovating/rebuilding Bacon Academy + its athletic fields	2/7/2022 10:36 AM
41	keeping up repairs at town building	2/7/2022 8:22 AM
42	Open space opportunities	2/6/2022 5:02 PM
43	The Rec Plex playground should be completed. Pieces that young children can use should be added. The old layout was really nice; the current ropes based equipment is a big downgrade.	2/6/2022 2:19 PM
44	Additional recreation facilities with lights - fields, tennis and basketball courts, playground, community pool	2/6/2022 1:42 PM
45	On applicable equipment to keep all selectboard and committee meetings on Zoom (or Zoom equivalent) to keep citizens aware and involved in decisions that effect our town.	2/6/2022 10:30 AM
46	updating fire and ambulance equipment expanded youth services programs	2/6/2022 9:58 AM
47	Road improvements!	2/5/2022 5:55 PM
48	Public swimming pool	2/5/2022 5:32 PM
49	Rec Plex	2/5/2022 2:07 PM
50	The aesthetics of this town needs great improvement. The weeds/overgrown areas/buildings need attention and needs to be weed wacked cut and trimmed.	2/5/2022 11:00 AM
51	New youth services building	2/5/2022 9:16 AM
52	Fix or replace all underground utilities especially before we fix the road above it replacement of any town vehicle or Fire Dept vehicle before it's too late	2/5/2022 8:58 AM
53	Town wide broadband.	2/4/2022 10:29 PM
54	Town pool	2/4/2022 10:04 PM
55	Road Improvements	2/4/2022 9:54 PM
56	Please put money Into our road and fleet replacement plan. It pains me when we pay more for these items because we are penny wise and pound foolish.	2/4/2022 8:50 PM
57	sidewalks on Lebnon Ave.	2/4/2022 4:04 PM

58	Let's get the playground done! Can we get a proper network of bike paths through our town? The Air Line trail is an amazing resource, but especially riding with kids, you have to drive to get there. We also have many people riding in dangerous situations on our roads because we have no support for cyclists and pedestrians.	2/4/2022 3:55 PM
59	More restaurants other than pizza & Chinese. It's a shame I have to go out of town to go out to dinner.	2/4/2022 3:55 PM
60	I am in support of any project or program that improves our schools and the education and experiences of our children. Please do not cut the budgets for education or youth programs.	2/4/2022 3:29 PM
61	Increased staff in schools to support students need.	2/4/2022 3:09 PM
62	Add pickle ball courts and leagues to Colchester	2/4/2022 2:51 PM
63	Repaving of roads in poor condition.	2/4/2022 2:45 PM
64	Set aside funds to purchase open space.	2/4/2022 2:36 PM
65	Having Adult education classes	2/4/2022 2:09 PM
66	Upgrade our athletic fields/restrooms/lighting, especially at Bacon Academy.	2/4/2022 2:06 PM
67	Expand police department	2/4/2022 2:02 PM
68	Police presence 24/7.	2/4/2022 1:34 PM
69	Town needs to start putting money away for replacement of fire apparatus and ambulances. There's no reason we should have to go to bond for fire apparatus especially 5 at a time when its constantly put into the budget and then removed. Also, there's no reason ambulance replacement should be such a struggle and issue when both ambulances running constantly providing top care to the town as well as bringing revenue to the town which is then just put into the general fund, that money should be put into a separate account for ambulance replacement and/or repairs. Also more money should be spent on tree removal as there are way to many hazardous trees around town that aren't being removed.	2/4/2022 1:34 PM
70	True Community Center and/or community pool	2/4/2022 1:24 PM
71	Vol fire and road maintenance services	2/4/2022 12:54 PM
72	Community pool	2/4/2022 12:52 PM
73	Rec-Plex improvements	2/4/2022 12:30 PM
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75	Unknown	2/4/2022 12:24 PM
76	Youth/community center. The Senior Center should have been a Community Center so that everyone in town could benefit.	2/4/2022 11:24 AM
77	Maintaining town property, specifically near homes where the homeowner ends up doing the towns job. The town fields and town green need major attention and updates. The Building Department could do better with communicating with citizens of Colchester and being more speedy with timelines.	2/4/2022 10:00 AM
78	no recommendation	2/4/2022 9:26 AM
79	more retail business	2/4/2022 9:21 AM
80	Play scape at the rec field, it was such a nice playground and now it's awful. I have lived in this town for 50 years and am disappointed ☹	2/4/2022 7:36 AM
81	Fighting the drug crisis and providing help to children of addicted parents is needed.	2/4/2022 5:54 AM
82	Swimming pool	2/3/2022 6:14 PM
83	Figure out how to stop raising taxes!	2/3/2022 5:39 PM
84	better traffic flow in center of town	2/3/2022 4:26 PM
85	Start the new Senior Center as soon as possible.	2/3/2022 3:40 PM

86	preservation of historical properties	2/3/2022 3:35 PM
87	Expanded Senior activities during later hours.	2/3/2022 3:31 PM
88	fleet maintenance and replacement of apparatus	2/3/2022 3:25 PM
89	A pool	2/3/2022 1:24 PM
90	Natural Gas for residents	2/3/2022 11:46 AM
91	More outdoor activities include classes that have nature and, or survival skills, mushroom identification, bird watching, plant and flower identification.	2/3/2022 11:31 AM
92	na	2/3/2022 10:58 AM
93	Develop better metrics and accountability for ALL expenditures. Budgetary considerations should be based on effectiveness of services and programs.	2/3/2022 10:56 AM
94	Rec Department tennis courts need repaving. Please all a pickleball court when they are re-done.	2/3/2022 10:45 AM
95	New Police Station; Additional Fire Houses located strategically throughout the town, especially given the Rt 2 corridor.	2/3/2022 10:19 AM
96	Youth / Rec Center w/ pool	2/3/2022 9:30 AM
97	Improvements to the Rec fields. A Community Center.	2/3/2022 9:19 AM
98	Therapy services for the town.	2/3/2022 9:12 AM
99	Improvements to the town green. Install sidewalks instead of gravel. Very uneven and dangerous for seniors and disabled with gravel/dirt walks	2/3/2022 9:03 AM
100	None come to mind at the moment.	2/3/2022 7:52 AM
101	Community center	2/3/2022 7:11 AM
102	A public Swimming pool that is heated n has use at all hours w lifeguards	2/3/2022 12:16 AM
103	Youth Center or Community Center Better tennis/pickleball courts	2/2/2022 11:59 PM
104	Community center, separate from Senior center	2/2/2022 10:39 PM
105	Reduce crash possibility at repeating sites	2/2/2022 9:11 PM
106	Purchase and town use of the current Jack's Chevrolet property in the center of town.	2/2/2022 8:52 PM
107	no idea. We've been sorely missing a decent senior center but that's being worked on.	2/2/2022 8:42 PM
108	Add another day to use the transfer station.	2/2/2022 8:19 PM
109	adding signs do not block roads and lane turn on rte 16 lights with left turn arrow and on main st, turn down dr foote rd and other with all traffic on Lebanon ave now i waited through 3 lights one day. now your going to build a senior center there. we need to update the roads.	2/2/2022 7:49 PM
110	Idk	2/2/2022 6:56 PM
111	Purchasing and preserving open space, limiting overdevelopment, enhancing farmland	2/2/2022 6:54 PM
112	Open space. Revitalization of downtown.	2/2/2022 6:25 PM
113	Turf fields	2/2/2022 4:48 PM
114	senior housing	2/2/2022 4:48 PM
115	N/a	2/2/2022 4:27 PM
116	parks and rec	2/2/2022 4:24 PM
117	Either BMX track and/or skatepark.	2/2/2022 4:08 PM
118	Additional fields or turf fields in place of current grass field	2/2/2022 2:53 PM
119	More aggressive tree removal.	2/2/2022 2:44 PM

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120	Early Childhood education	2/2/2022 2:29 PM
121	Bring back consistent concerts in the green; money towards Rec plex	2/2/2022 2:15 PM
122	Something more to bring folks downtown... maybe where the derelict car dealership is? Would like to see our existing restaurants & retail more vibrant if possible,	2/2/2022 1:23 PM
123	Invest in housing.	2/2/2022 1:09 PM
124	Old car dealership on main street. At least knock it down and green space it if no one will buy and develop it.	2/2/2022 1:00 PM
125	Improving sports fields. Turf? Lights? Drainage, weed removal, bathrooms , playground	2/2/2022 12:54 PM
126	Parks and Recreation all facilities not just fields . Playgrounds basketball tennis pickleball	2/2/2022 12:33 PM
127	Routine maintenance of town bldgs	2/2/2022 12:05 PM
128	Spruce up the town green and the youth center (it looks like a scary haunted house from the outside) Improve recreation fields/signs/playscape area.	2/2/2022 11:45 AM
129	More space for the Police Department. Greater utilization of the Ruby Cohen property.. ball fields? a pavilion?	2/2/2022 11:27 AM
130	Prepare for future fire/ambulance apparatus repair and replacement	2/2/2022 10:57 AM
131	Revitalize the town center and incentives to bring in more useful and enjoyable businesses to the downtown area	2/2/2022 10:14 AM
132	Lower carbon footprint	2/2/2022 10:05 AM
133	Replacement of aging fire/rescue equipment.	2/2/2022 10:02 AM
134	More traffic lights and road improvements where there have been motor vehicle fatalities. Rte 16 and Bulkely Hill intersection needs traffic light to slow people down. Smaller roads need speed bumps or stop signs- people go too fast and there are no sidewalks for pedestrians on most roads.	2/2/2022 10:01 AM
135	speed control on all roads	2/2/2022 9:53 AM
136	water & sewer expansion	2/2/2022 9:41 AM
137	Synthetic turf field and lights for Bacon Academy	2/2/2022 9:38 AM
138	road improvement	2/2/2022 9:24 AM
139	Updating and expanding the playground!!	2/2/2022 9:24 AM
140	No opinion.	2/2/2022 9:08 AM
141	The center of town looks disgusting because of the old, decrepit, paint peeling car dealership that is literally falling apart in front of our eyes. It makes the town look undesirable!	2/2/2022 8:54 AM
142	No comment	2/2/2022 8:31 AM
143	Overnight police coverage	2/2/2022 7:57 AM
144	Demolish Jack's Chevrolet and put a park there	2/2/2022 7:20 AM
145	The town should have a long term capital plan that budgets for and funds a contribution to reserve for the future replacement of all major assets. This should encompass owned structures (roofs, parking lots, windows, HVAC, etc), as well as large vehicles, and any other significant potential future costs. This contribution should be funded annually rather than paying for future projects with bonding.	2/2/2022 7:19 AM
146	Colchester needs an Aquatic center	2/2/2022 7:18 AM
147	Purchase of old car dealership in town to turn into a proper youth center.	2/2/2022 7:04 AM
148	Pool! A town pool would be a great addition. Finding swimming lessons nearby has been difficult.	2/2/2022 6:58 AM
149	Community center - combine youth and senior center. Glastonbury's is beautiful!	2/2/2022 6:40 AM

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150	Use of solar	2/2/2022 6:29 AM
151	REC FIELDS!!!!	2/2/2022 6:21 AM
152	Please fix the play area at the rec plex.	2/2/2022 6:12 AM
153	Turf field at Bacon!	2/2/2022 6:03 AM
154	N/A	2/2/2022 5:55 AM
155	More sports fields	2/2/2022 5:44 AM
156	Community center design -- we should have reached out to other towns before we invented something new -- we should have reached out to Mansfield for example... And the transfer station where "cash is king" -- there should be no exchange of money there....receipts are seldom given and we need to look into other towns and how they do it. Tickets? Stickers? Garbage bag color?	2/2/2022 5:43 AM
157	More money for road paving	2/2/2022 5:41 AM
158	Indoor turf field/sports complex/pool	2/2/2022 4:45 AM
159	Building a community pool for our community so children can learn to swim early instead of using the Hebron dds pool.	2/2/2022 3:50 AM
160	garbage pickup	2/2/2022 3:38 AM
161	Would like to see a town pool at the rec center	2/2/2022 2:54 AM
162	Sidewalks from NorthWoods on Rt 16 to downtown!!	2/1/2022 11:35 PM
163	Future spending and planning for fire and ems apparatus so we are not needing to buy 5 pieces of equipment in a sitting	2/1/2022 11:29 PM
164	Put aside funding to purchase Town vehicles, repair town owned buildings, recreation (playground apparatus and fields). A true Community Center in the future would be great. Consider "pocket" playgrounds in various parts of the Town. Colchester is big-	2/1/2022 11:21 PM
165	We could use a turf field at the high school.	2/1/2022 11:18 PM
166	not sure	2/1/2022 10:54 PM
167	Bring in a YMCA	2/1/2022 10:53 PM
168	Rec Fields. They are embarrassing when other towns come to play us.	2/1/2022 10:38 PM
169	Lower taxes for seniors	2/1/2022 10:34 PM
170	Keep sidewalks free of debris and snow/ice	2/1/2022 10:09 PM
171	small vehicle for transporting seniors to appts in town. Large vehicle is difficult to board for seniors with mobility issues (i.e. walk with a walker)	2/1/2022 10:07 PM
172	High school updates,	2/1/2022 10:04 PM
173	Maintenance of roads and current structures. Recreation center with pool, pickle ball, etc. Expanded community garden areas. Maybe more public transportation.	2/1/2022 10:04 PM
174	Create funds for maintenance & equipment. This will avoid having to buy all new fire equipment at one time without any funding.	2/1/2022 9:57 PM
175	more businesses	2/1/2022 9:51 PM
176	Town park. Please put a nice play strict on for the kids to play. The current park does not have enough equipment.	2/1/2022 9:47 PM
177	I prefer lower taxes to increased services and projects. I would like to see beavers used for groundwater restoration on municipal land.	2/1/2022 9:39 PM
178	Fixing the youth center building, recreation playground area	2/1/2022 9:37 PM
179	A Pool	2/1/2022 9:27 PM
180	Playground improvement	2/1/2022 9:26 PM

181	\$10 has been stolen from residents in league sports. There needs to be transparent accountability for this and a commitment to improve fields.	2/1/2022 9:26 PM
182	Upgrades to library	2/1/2022 9:25 PM
183	A playscape at the rec plex for the children. I have been going to Glastonbury and have seen other Colchester families there as well. This also means that we are spending money elsewhere instead of our own town. When we go to the park in Glastonbury, we usually eat somewhere there and tend to buy gas there if needed. This is money that would normally be spent in our town if we had a playscape for the kids to play on. The rope structures are not really feasible for young children (3 and under).	2/1/2022 9:18 PM
184	Low cost energy source. Permanent free school breakfast and lunch like we've had since COVID started	2/1/2022 9:09 PM
185	Recreation facility enhancements for all ages. Better playground structures for all ages	2/1/2022 8:58 PM
186	Renovation, turf on the Bacon football/soccer/lacrosse field	2/1/2022 8:56 PM
187	Nothing until Senior Center is complete and fully operational.	2/1/2022 8:56 PM
188	New carpeting/flooring at Jack Jackter, more restrooms at the rec complex (Especially down by R6)	2/1/2022 8:44 PM
189	Vacant building privately owned in town that used to be a dealership - make it a new community/youth center. It is blight and could be a functional building with possible proper grant use. There is parking and a central location in our town. It could be a place for art exhibits, winter markets, etc. something needs to be done.	2/1/2022 8:38 PM
190	Upgrade the downtown buildings to enhance the lovely green to make it welcoming for the town and surrounding communities. Provide an indoor public swimming pool.	2/1/2022 8:34 PM
191	More youth athletic fields and/or a turf field. Burt shouldn't have say where donated money from CYSL goes. The fields are an embarrassment to our community.	2/1/2022 8:24 PM
192	NA	2/1/2022 8:21 PM
193	Please preserve what little greenspace we have left. We have had an empty strip mall (Linwood Avenue) for years, wasting too much of our precious space as it is. And why do we have 3 auto parts chains??! It's really hard to understand why there are so many "For Sale" signs parked in front of the woods so many places around town. We all know, too, that the age of COVID has brought about a trend that moves us away from brick-and-mortar retail sites. It's hard not to look around this town and think "waste". Please don't let Colchester become an over-developed, tree-less husk of a monument to the already anachronistic sprawl of retail commercialism.	2/1/2022 8:20 PM
194	Improved recreation fields	2/1/2022 8:17 PM
195	Not sure	2/1/2022 8:12 PM
196	New furnishings for upcoming senior center	2/1/2022 7:50 PM
197	Rainy day fund to reduce taxes	2/1/2022 7:50 PM
198	The high school is in need of improvements, or at least at the minimum tables and supplies for the teachers.	2/1/2022 7:32 PM
199	I'm happy to see the new Senior Center approved. Hopefully will get new blood into the programs to satisfy the 55 plus age group who pay very high taxes. The senior demographic is larger and younger than what would appeal to the masses in focus now. The offerings are boring and appeal primarily to a mainly elderly/ poor demographic, which is not all that we are. Something for everyone would be nice. I work for a local developer, and bringing in a high level 55plus demographic has been a challenge with the low level of offerings, and nursing home-like activities that make up the current schedules.	2/1/2022 7:26 PM
200	The rec plex improved or an additional outdoor place space for children/abilities of all ages, especially safe for younger children and families.	2/1/2022 7:18 PM
201	New youth center Indoor recreation facility with indoor pool	2/1/2022 7:17 PM

202	Equipment for younger children on the town playground.	2/1/2022 7:09 PM
203	Sidewalks, I would like to see Colchester be more walking friendly	2/1/2022 7:07 PM
204	Preserving farmland and open space	2/1/2022 7:04 PM
205	Ice/Street hockey rink and basketball court improvements	2/1/2022 7:04 PM
206	finish some of the "sidewalks-to-nowhere"	2/1/2022 7:03 PM
207	State of the art pickleball courts	2/1/2022 7:02 PM
208	Turf Rec fields. Could be used as multipurpose and save money on maintenance	2/1/2022 7:00 PM
209	I'd like to see shrubs, grasses and flowers or something that looks welcoming in the areas of our off ramps. Also something around the Noel's parking lot area. Maybe American flags hung along Main Street as well.	2/1/2022 6:58 PM
210	-Turf soccer field. -Lights at high school fields to allow for play when dusk/dark sets in. - Increased Library budget to purchase more current adult books (fiction & non-fiction).	2/1/2022 6:57 PM
211	Electric car chargers, solar or wind farm	2/1/2022 6:53 PM
212	Fix the tennis courts in town!!!	2/1/2022 6:51 PM
213	Maintain all the buildings owned by the town/	2/1/2022 6:50 PM
214	A better playground at the Rec complex. The new one is much inferior to the one it replaced, and to playgrounds in neighboring towns. It was very disappointing.	2/1/2022 6:42 PM
215	Green spaces and nature preservation.	2/1/2022 6:39 PM
216	Rec fields!	2/1/2022 6:37 PM
217	Update buildings	2/1/2022 6:27 PM
218	Something a kin to durham fair.	2/1/2022 6:23 PM
219	Where can teens hang out? High school age doesn't have enough for them to do in this town.	2/1/2022 6:22 PM
220	Increased town resident social and entertainment services	2/1/2022 6:18 PM
221	A town pool or pool as part of the new senior center. A pool would benefit all ages. Another idea is outside exercise equipment. Thank you for conducting this survey.	2/1/2022 6:17 PM
222	Town pool. Should have done it years ago	2/1/2022 6:11 PM
223	Improve traffic flow through the center of town	2/1/2022 6:10 PM
224	The youth center. This rehab is long overdue and a good use of ARPA funds.	2/1/2022 6:09 PM
225	Crosswalk at the light in front of stop n shop/Starbucks/bank parking lot.	2/1/2022 6:09 PM
226	Community pool	2/1/2022 6:05 PM
227	Building a turf field facility	2/1/2022 6:02 PM
228	Realistically, make use of the property across from the post office on South Main next to Old Bacon. My dream project would be a town lap pool. Currently have to travel all the way to east Lyme.	2/1/2022 6:00 PM
229	Anything related to children/students	2/1/2022 5:57 PM
230	Youth center improvements	2/1/2022 5:54 PM
231	Better equipped for fire and police use.	2/1/2022 5:48 PM
232	A third fire house in the south side of town. In the area of the Hayward 4 corners. Help with responds time to the south side of town. Which is growing in size.	2/1/2022 5:42 PM
233	Improvement to the empty buildings on Main Street.	2/1/2022 5:38 PM
234	Nopw	2/1/2022 5:37 PM
235	Water and sewer in the future development area.	2/1/2022 5:35 PM

236	More street lighting, streets are too dark.	2/1/2022 5:32 PM
237	Nothing. Find ways to maintain what we already have. The tow does. It need to continuously grow. There is nothing wrong with maintains a small town statis	2/1/2022 5:24 PM
238	Upgrades at the RecPlex and improvements to the outdoor spaces (i.e. picnic tables and park benches at the Town Green). I'd like to see some retail (not restaurants) brought to Colchester.	2/1/2022 5:24 PM
239	Open space Sidewalks Redo traffic pattern at Main St and 16 to reduce summer back-ups. Why didn't they put a traffic circle at Traffic Supply?	2/1/2022 5:22 PM
240	Increasing tax paying businesses	2/1/2022 5:19 PM
241	Restore the current youth center building and the existing Senior Center for future municipal uses.	2/1/2022 5:11 PM
242	Town pool	2/1/2022 5:08 PM
243	Community center	2/1/2022 5:07 PM
244	New Senior Center	2/1/2022 4:58 PM
245	Pool so our students could have a swim team.	2/1/2022 4:55 PM
246	Na	2/1/2022 4:49 PM
247	Sprucing up the Green in the town center - sidewalks all around and maybe crisscross. Maybe some picnic tables. Make more pleasant for walking.	2/1/2022 4:45 PM
248	Cultural Center for exhibits, lectures and presentations, theatrical and musical performances, ect.	2/1/2022 4:42 PM
249	Completion of senior center	2/1/2022 4:41 PM
250	Pickle ball	2/1/2022 4:41 PM
251	Affordable housing units	2/1/2022 4:36 PM
252	I would like to see more digital speeding signs placed throughout colchester to help with speeding cars. I would also like to see a community center that all residents can benefit from, not only seniors.	2/1/2022 4:35 PM
253	Playground and splash pad improvements	2/1/2022 4:34 PM
254	Town indoor pool	2/1/2022 4:19 PM
255	Fix the Town Hall.	2/1/2022 4:19 PM
256	Having lived in town for ten years I have seen no improvement in the appearance of many businesses. Especially on Lebanon Ave, there are buildings and homes that need repair, paint and structural reinforcement. I think by contacting the owners of homes and businesses and suggesting they repair and clean up the appearance of their property would encourage more families and businesses to move into town, therefore increasing the towns tax revenue. For example, I believe there is an empty building in the center of town that I think was a car dealership that has been empty since I moved into town. It is across from the post office. How could you make that building more attractive for future business opportunities? Thanks for the question.	2/1/2022 4:18 PM
257	For starters, lack of building maintenance has led Bacon Academy to be full of issues (especially the cafe), the senior center needs to be done already and the Rec fields are sad . The youth center is seriously a hazard for our kids. I could go on and on! Maintenance is key and we, as a town have done a piss poor job at it.	2/1/2022 4:15 PM
258	Sports space, indoor and outdoor, including both youth and high school. It's pretty embarrassing.	2/1/2022 4:15 PM
259	Replace sidewalk on Norwich Ave from schools to Green	2/1/2022 4:14 PM
260	Senior Center	2/1/2022 4:10 PM
261	Sidewalk's to the Village of Colchestetr	2/1/2022 4:06 PM

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262	Unsure	2/1/2022 3:58 PM
263	A fully equipped and fenced in kids playground and upgrade to the splash pad and bathrooms	2/1/2022 3:53 PM
264	New youth center	2/1/2022 3:53 PM
265	It seems as if we have too many homes, buildings, (business & otherwise) and the grounds of these in significant disrepair. Some sort of initiative to repair, paint, replace. Perhaps spruce up the town green. Love our green, but it could spruced up.	2/1/2022 3:49 PM
266	The High School Fields, School Fields and the Park and Rec Fields are a Joke. The money put into our Field would be payed for by the increase in tax revenue by people moving to Colchester. I travel to MANY towns around the State and on the East Coast. Colchester facilities are sub par at best.	2/1/2022 3:49 PM
267	MORE SUPPORT FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE	2/1/2022 3:47 PM
268	water and sewer expansion down Rt. 85	2/1/2022 3:45 PM
269	Sports Fields Upgrade	2/1/2022 3:37 PM
270	High School or town turf field. Extend public water & sewer to expand business zoning to acquire IT, Medical, Insurance type entities.	2/1/2022 3:35 PM
271	Upgrade town hall and start planning for a stand alone police station.	2/1/2022 3:32 PM
272	Capital Maintenance of existing buildings (such as the aging Youth Services building). So that we don't get into the same cycle we have REPEATEDLY found ourselves as the school buildings have aged, then justification to build new when that would not have been necessary had we maintained what we had.	2/1/2022 3:32 PM
273	Repair/replacement of current equipment and facilities. Lower taxes and people will want to come to and stay in town.	2/1/2022 3:26 PM
274	Improvement and added services to the library	2/1/2022 3:22 PM
275	Budget Line Items to preserve Open Space and farmland need to be increased exponentially so Colchester is able to be pro-active in combating major suburban sprawl going forward.	2/1/2022 3:19 PM
276	Expand water/sewer	2/1/2022 3:14 PM
277	Town swimming pool	2/1/2022 3:14 PM
278	Bring in more business	2/1/2022 3:13 PM
279	Improving the facilities and programs for youth ... Specifically the teens.	2/1/2022 3:10 PM
280	social services	2/1/2022 3:05 PM
281	Fix up the town green	2/1/2022 3:04 PM
282	Fix the leaks at Town Hall.	2/1/2022 3:03 PM
283	Address buildings that are empty / abandoned and either tear down or renovate .. it's blight And bring more businesses to town	2/1/2022 3:01 PM
284	Paramedics	2/1/2022 2:58 PM
285	24 hour local Police coverage	2/1/2022 2:57 PM
286	New senior center	2/1/2022 2:52 PM
287	The towns emergency services future needs should be looked at the town just voted to bond several new fire apparatus that will need replacement in 20-25 years the fire headquarters is a steel building that was put into service in 1986 the building will require significant maintenance or replacement in the near future. The police department is operating out of office space in town hall which is not ideal and needs to be updated . The recreations fields are some of the worst in the state Overall I would like to see towns existing facilities be better maintained and updated on a more regular schedule rather than allowing them to fall in such disrepair that they are no longer usable.	2/1/2022 2:52 PM
288	Tax relief for seniors	2/1/2022 2:52 PM

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289	Regional indoor swimming pool or bring a YMCA to town that provides a pool.	2/1/2022 2:48 PM
290	Fix the rec plex fields and field management. It's an embarrassment.	2/1/2022 2:47 PM
291	property tax relief for seniors.	2/1/2022 2:47 PM
292	Cut the new senior center. Stop putting sprinklers in the rec fields.	2/1/2022 2:45 PM
293	Complete the sidewalks on route 16	2/1/2022 2:42 PM
294	Bike lanes, specifically signage on some of the intersections to indicate where the bikers should go, think rt 85/main	2/1/2022 2:36 PM
295	1. Sidewalks from North woods into town. 2. Increase blight Enforcement, storage facility on Lebanon Ave on the right just after the "old" Hideaway	2/1/2022 2:36 PM
296	Racism commission	2/1/2022 2:34 PM
297	Save up to hire more disbarred lawyers that Andreas can hire without approval	2/1/2022 2:33 PM
298	New senior center	2/1/2022 2:30 PM
299	24hr police department fix the youth center	2/1/2022 2:29 PM
300	Increase spending on open space, improved Technology at schools, increased hours at library	2/1/2022 2:28 PM
301	Term limits for politicians! Car/Property tax relief for seniors!	2/1/2022 2:26 PM
302	N/A	2/1/2022 2:24 PM
303	Additional rec fields and facilities, including a town pool. 24 hour Police and Paramedic coverage	2/1/2022 2:24 PM
304	Get restaurants here, more activities	2/1/2022 2:22 PM
305	The town and schools need a pool	2/1/2022 2:22 PM
306	Lights at the high school football	2/1/2022 2:16 PM
307	Several town roads are not in great condition	2/1/2022 2:14 PM
308	Improve center of town...and traffic flow...get rid of the commercial eye sore.	2/1/2022 2:14 PM
309	turf field, indoor swimming pool	2/1/2022 2:12 PM
310	The rec fields (including the basketball court and tennis courts) could use a lot of improvement.	2/1/2022 2:11 PM
311	Improving emergency service. New equipment and adding new services.	2/1/2022 2:10 PM
312	Library	2/1/2022 2:07 PM
313	I have only lived here 3 years so I'm still learning about the town and it's people.	2/1/2022 2:04 PM
314	A pool! Every family that I know goes elsewhere for swim lessons. We could have swim teams, water aerobics, lifeguard classes, etc.	2/1/2022 2:03 PM
315	Expand the walking path so it completely encircles the green, not just one side.	2/1/2022 2:03 PM
316	We need more business - bars, restaurants, shopping	2/1/2022 2:02 PM
318	Recreation- perhaps flood a field for ice skating( like Manchester Charter Oak Park) pickle ball courts, improve tennis courts,	2/1/2022 2:00 PM
319	New/Renovate High School	2/1/2022 1:59 PM
320	community center for all citizens	2/1/2022 1:58 PM
321	open space	2/1/2022 1:58 PM
322	Community fitness center and pool - like the Mansfield Community Center - would be nice if the Senior and Youth Centers were included in the Community Center.	2/1/2022 1:58 PM

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323	N/a	2/1/2022 1:57 PM
324	Buying land to prevent development in these spots	2/1/2022 1:56 PM
325	Community Center/ Pool	2/1/2022 1:56 PM
326	Overall reduction to school budget and property taxes.	2/1/2022 1:55 PM
327	this is more along education lines but we should be establishing a high school co-op program for interested areas of study not just manufacturing.	2/1/2022 1:55 PM
328	Pool or community center type building. Also bring in some bigger businesses like Walmart/Target.	2/1/2022 1:55 PM
329	I don't have any suggestions.	2/1/2022 1:54 PM
330	Develop more land preserves and open spaces. Why do I have to travel to surrounding towns such as East Haddam and Salem to go for a hike?	2/1/2022 1:54 PM
331	An Indoor Rec Facility.	2/1/2022 1:53 PM
332	New roof, updating Bacon Academy	2/1/2022 1:51 PM
333	Take care of the property across from CVS	2/1/2022 1:51 PM
334	This is very minimal, but the town Christmas tree is an absolute embarrassment. The town should put more effort into a proper holiday display.	2/1/2022 1:51 PM
335	Senior services	2/1/2022 1:50 PM
336	Level the old chevy dealer	2/1/2022 1:49 PM
337	Let's start saving to maintain JJIS or Bacon before you decide to build a new school with borrowed money.	2/1/2022 1:49 PM
338	X	2/1/2022 1:49 PM
339	pool	2/1/2022 1:48 PM
340	Economic development. No more pizza Chinese or parts store. Bigger food chain, fun things that brings people to town	2/1/2022 1:47 PM
341	Community pool	2/1/2022 1:46 PM
342	To acquire land to build a dedicated soccer complex. So they can be separated from the baseball/softball fields.	2/1/2022 1:45 PM
343	Improvements to the youth center.	2/1/2022 1:45 PM
344	Seniors	2/1/2022 1:44 PM
345	Downtown improvements. More/faster tree removal. Better roads	2/1/2022 1:41 PM
346	A community center and/or community pool	2/1/2022 1:39 PM
347	money put into skate park that my generation raised money for but never saw anything more than concrete and a fence put up to show for our fundraiser .... very disappointing	2/1/2022 1:38 PM
348	Youth Center	2/1/2022 1:38 PM
349	Watering Rec plex	2/1/2022 1:37 PM
350	A bigger youth center for all ages, until 7pm to keep these kids off the streets and active. Example: indoor basketball, pool, arcade games, arts & crafts. Other towns are doing it, why can't we???	2/1/2022 1:37 PM
351	Parks and Rec Fields	2/1/2022 1:36 PM
352	Community pool	2/1/2022 1:35 PM
353	Na	2/1/2022 1:35 PM
354	Restore historic youth center building.	2/1/2022 1:34 PM

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355	No opinion	2/1/2022 1:34 PM
356	Turf athletic field	2/1/2022 1:34 PM
357	We need to maintain budgets with our future purchases so we do NOT need to expend 4.6 million to replace much needed equipment!!!	2/1/2022 1:34 PM
358	TBD	2/1/2022 1:33 PM
359	Solar panels on town buildings.	2/1/2022 1:33 PM
360	Unsure	2/1/2022 1:33 PM
361	Youth Center- more activity after school for Teens. Always been an issue in our town. Activities that will engage our youth and keep them from turning to drugs.	2/1/2022 1:32 PM
362	Begin saving for future fire apparatus replacement. The current situation involves replacing apparatus that should've been replaced 10-20 years ago, and preventing this in the future will make it easier to replace future apparatus.	2/1/2022 1:32 PM
363	Turf fields!	2/1/2022 1:30 PM
364	Better roads	2/1/2022 1:29 PM
365	No comment	2/1/2022 1:29 PM
366	school roof tops	2/1/2022 1:29 PM
367	Acquisition of more playing fields, park space	2/1/2022 1:27 PM
368	A town pool	2/1/2022 1:27 PM
369	More career Firefighters, Maintenance of Fire Houses, Fire Apparatus replacements in the future so we are not in the same situation in 20 years as we are currently	2/1/2022 1:27 PM
370	Maintain current buildings properly so town won't have a greater expense in future. Hire a town manager	2/1/2022 1:27 PM
371	not sure	2/1/2022 1:26 PM
372	More parks and playgrounds throughout town and more diverse businesses in town (something other than pizza, asian, or auto parts)	2/1/2022 1:26 PM
373	Renovate Fire Headquarters on Old Hartford Rd	2/1/2022 1:26 PM
374	Senior Services, Policing and Fire Department	2/1/2022 1:25 PM
375	Community indoor pool!	2/1/2022 1:25 PM
376	Bacon academy overhaul	2/1/2022 1:25 PM
377	Water for all and town trash removal.	2/1/2022 1:25 PM
378	Sidewalk from Bacon Academy to edge of town on Norwich Ave	2/1/2022 1:24 PM
379	Swimming pool	2/1/2022 1:24 PM
380	Need to focus on sensible spending and allocation of current funds. We have empty storefronts and buildings but the town would build a whole new structure? I	2/1/2022 1:24 PM
381	Buy Lincoln Lake and turn it into a revenue generating water/adventure park.	2/1/2022 1:23 PM
382	already working on the new senior center, so concentrate on that	2/1/2022 1:23 PM
383	New Youth Center!	2/1/2022 1:23 PM
384	more town activities free on the green	2/1/2022 1:22 PM
385	Increased parking at town green for events.	2/1/2022 1:22 PM
386	Better sports fields	2/1/2022 1:22 PM
387	We don't budget and approve enough resources to do routine maintenance now so let's get that done first	2/1/2022 1:21 PM

388	Better mgmt and improvements for rec fields	2/1/2022 1:21 PM
389	Better Rec fields. Check out Hebron	2/1/2022 1:20 PM
390	I would like to see an expansion of business in our community. I would like to see more of the non used building such as plaza where 24/7 Fitness is used for businesses. Food shops, clothing shops, etc. more business equals jobs for teens so instead of spray painting stop signs they can work and be productive members of our communities. Everyone is sick of Chinese, pizza, and Wendy's and McDonalds only.	2/1/2022 1:18 PM
391	Building improvements to youth center	2/1/2022 1:17 PM
392	Incentivizing a large, Class A residential developer to build in town	2/1/2022 1:17 PM
393	The town should definitely invest in the youth sports and recreation fields. They are an embarrassment.	2/1/2022 1:16 PM
394	no idea at this time	2/1/2022 1:16 PM
395	PLAYGROUND!!!	2/1/2022 1:16 PM
396	Improving condition of the roads in our town.	2/1/2022 1:16 PM
397	Need major renovation to rec fields. They are an embarrassment and an injury risk. Please finally do something about the old dealership across from CVS. There is a notorious problem with speeding in this town with no noticeable enforcement. We need to crack down on speeding. It is dangerous and reduces value of homes on these streets.	2/1/2022 1:15 PM
398	Tree work. Road improvement. Crosswalks painted at ALL intersections where there are electronic crosswalk signals. Park improvements to remove invasive plants and shrubs growing too tall that could affect public safety (e.g. someone hiding behind) like at the Rec Plex parking lot (Oversized Burning Bushes). Parking lot concrete barriers in parking spaces and fence repair that seem to go damaged, and unrepaired for years which also makes our town look rundown and not cared for. Public Works equipment, but also ensure all workers use the equipment properly and do not abuse by running too hard/too fast (e.g. lawn mowers) causing frequent breakage (heard about this from several sources over the years, and viewed workers cutting grass at town green and library grounds "racing", then leaving tire tracks down to dirt in the lawn creating walking hazard on grass. Ambulance/fire equipment as public safety is a basic need of all communities.	2/1/2022 1:15 PM
399	Bacon Academy renovations	2/1/2022 1:15 PM
400	We need more economic development so that we don't have to leave town to affordably shop	2/1/2022 1:14 PM
401	The town green and surrounding area needs an overhaul to be more attractive/walkable. The condition of the recreation complex is atrocious - this could be a major attraction for our town but has been left to decay.	2/1/2022 1:14 PM
402	na	2/1/2022 1:14 PM
403	Finish the playground already.	2/1/2022 1:14 PM
404	Bringing Bacon Academy into the present. It is terribly outdated.	2/1/2022 1:01 PM
405	Open space	2/1/2022 12:55 PM
406	Bacon football feild	2/1/2022 12:53 PM
407	services to seniors other than the senior center, which most don't use. They need their property taxes reduced, help with snow removal, and help with blighted properties.	2/1/2022 12:43 PM
408	Some roads have cracks in need of repair. Some sidewalks along Colchester Conservation Areas don't have snow removal along RT 16. Walking is thus prohibited for neighbors who walk area daily.	2/1/2022 12:42 PM
409	New youth services facility and/or community center.	2/1/2022 12:41 PM
410	Bacon Academy is starting to look rundown and needs some maintenance (inside and out.) Some roads our in dire need of repair. We live off West Road. In the past there has been some roadwork accidents that would not allow traffic to Rt 85 by way of West Road. Residents are forced to go all the way to Salem and up Rt 11 or Rt 85. Antioch Rd is a dirt road that connects	2/1/2022 12:32 PM

	to Rt 85. It would be prudent to connect West Rd to Rt 85 by way of Antioch to allow passage. Also where West Rd intersects Rt 85 is very dangerous and should be examined. Site lines are hampered and limited.	
411	Improved road surfaces.	2/1/2022 12:22 PM
412	Senior center	2/1/2022 12:05 PM
414	Senior center	2/1/2022 11:57 AM
415	Sr. Center.	2/1/2022 11:53 AM
416	Public transportation	2/1/2022 11:51 AM
417	waste of buses - too many empty or maybe one person in bus -what a waste of gas, etc.	2/1/2022 11:46 AM
418	We need to be disciplined about saving for known upcoming replacement costs--roofing, flooring, vehicles. We shouldn't be using bonds for emergency purchases of things we knew were long overdue.	2/1/2022 11:44 AM
419	Help Chanticleire Golf Course improve the grounds and facilities	2/1/2022 11:41 AM
420	Warming shelter	2/1/2022 11:38 AM
421	Improve roads and bridges. Trim trees in case of storms, power outages	2/1/2022 11:30 AM
422	Senior programs	2/1/2022 11:28 AM
423	Sidewalk expansion. Improve village traffic flow. Bike lanes in the village.	2/1/2022 11:26 AM
424	Colchester should look into having an indoor town pool so residents of all ages can access it all year round and people can do their physical therapy exercises there after being discharged from aquatic physical therapy.	2/1/2022 11:23 AM
425	Blight clean up in main street	2/1/2022 11:21 AM
426	More sidewalks do that pedestrians don't have to walk in the roads.	2/1/2022 11:20 AM
427	Better youth center. More activities for youths	2/1/2022 11:19 AM
428	Don't have one	2/1/2022 11:15 AM
429	Public Transformation.	2/1/2022 11:11 AM
430	Traffic lights	2/1/2022 11:09 AM
431	Activities in the summer on the green for people like bingo or arts and crafts	2/1/2022 11:09 AM
432	Public water and sewer in areas of great need. Old Hartford Rd	2/1/2022 11:09 AM
433	Paramedics 24 hour police	2/1/2022 11:06 AM
434	Spruce up the town green and surrounding streets and building a bit. The new senior center will certainly be a great asset!	2/1/2022 11:06 AM
435	extension of sewer and water to assist economic development	2/1/2022 11:03 AM
436	None	2/1/2022 11:01 AM
437	More green activities	2/1/2022 10:54 AM
438	infrastructure	2/1/2022 10:53 AM
439	Sidewalks to connect town and make more walkable. Facelift to the downtown and Lebanon Ave business area, understanding this means cooperation with private businesses and the town.	2/1/2022 10:52 AM
440	Sidewalks. Traffic flow improvements. Blight mitigation. Tax base growth. Senior property tax relief.	2/1/2022 10:49 AM
441	n/a	2/1/2022 10:49 AM

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442	Seniors	2/1/2022 10:47 AM
443	Not certain	2/1/2022 10:46 AM
444	Paramedics on staff	2/1/2022 10:44 AM
445	work on the old getting a business into the old car dealership eyesore across from the Post Office	2/1/2022 10:43 AM
446	Don't know	2/1/2022 10:40 AM
447	Sending or center completion	2/1/2022 10:40 AM
448	Develop the d Oldsmobile Dealership	2/1/2022 10:34 AM
449	Attracting business to the town.	2/1/2022 10:34 AM
450	Long term improvement for equipment especially fire. We should never end up like this again where we need to purchase multiple equipment at once!	2/1/2022 10:30 AM
451	New senior center	2/1/2022 10:28 AM
452	Pickleball courts. Bocce courts. Seniors like to do activities outside too.	2/1/2022 10:25 AM
453	Increased police officers to cover nights	2/1/2022 10:19 AM
454	Getting rid of the blight in and around town.	2/1/2022 10:19 AM
455	Colchester Seniors	2/1/2022 10:18 AM
456	Get moving on our Senior Center	2/1/2022 10:16 AM
457	Better lighting on town green and improvement of lights on the corner	2/1/2022 10:16 AM
458	Senior Center Enhancements	2/1/2022 10:16 AM
459	Renovate Town Hall with efficiency & sustainability in mind	2/1/2022 9:06 AM
460	more town green events	2/1/2022 8:44 AM
461	A Municipal Swimming pool	1/31/2022 8:13 PM
462	More open space	1/31/2022 5:53 PM
463	Town Green improvements, economic development in town center and out by Rte 2	1/31/2022 3:02 PM
464	Increased sports fields and recreation areas and proper irrigation and lighting for existing fields.	1/30/2022 10:32 PM
465	Town indoor pool that could be rented to area towns in the winter ( high schools etc)	1/30/2022 4:45 PM
466	the gas that the town vehicles use going no where in particular. Let's wrap up the sr center and then find another big project. I have no faith in the current admin to get much done but waste our money.	1/30/2022 1:53 PM
467	trash pick up and improvements to roads	1/30/2022 11:54 AM
468	The Rex field needs to be improved and taken care of. The town green need to be cleaned up and investment into its appearance. It would be nice to have more events. We need to bring back a yearly festival like the 57th fest.	1/30/2022 10:08 AM
469	Renewable energy. Placing solar panels on top of town buildings and creating solar farms in some of our open space	1/30/2022 10:03 AM
470	Using more renewable energy sources in the town and recycling efforts. Also, maybe having cleanup days as a town and promoting more education on sustainable food and conservation efforts.	1/30/2022 9:42 AM
471	Our parks need major improvements. Especially places lien the skate park that is a place for young kids to have a safe on ace to go	1/30/2022 8:47 AM
472	Fire apparatus replacement. Fire station replacement/refurbishment. Water main expansion.	1/30/2022 7:07 AM
473	True Community Center, with pool!!!!!!!!!!	1/30/2022 12:16 AM

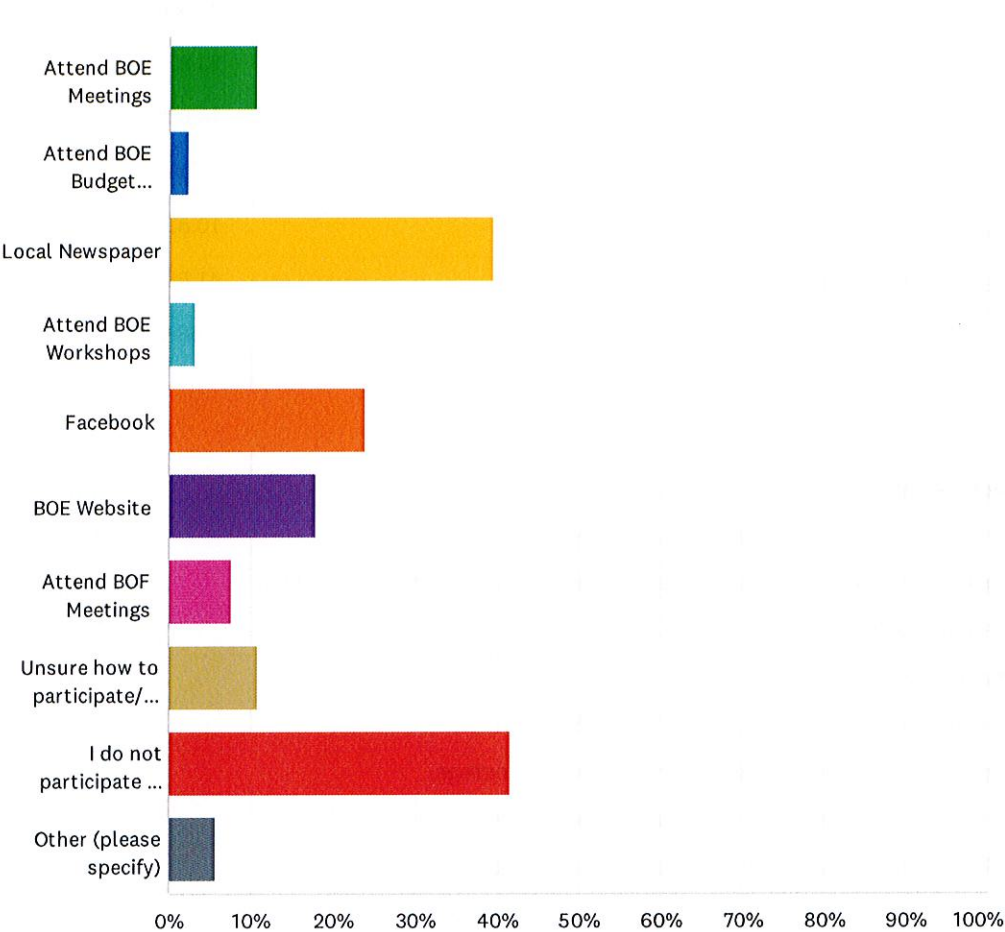
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474	Updates to the youth center	1/29/2022 10:10 PM
475	Intersection improvements. Consider roundabout installs...work great in Glastonbury	1/29/2022 8:39 PM
476	Community Center- building for programs for C3, Youth Center, Park and Rec programming. Meeting space too. And a pool!	1/29/2022 5:43 PM
477	Pool	1/29/2022 4:21 PM
478	Build the pool at high school	1/29/2022 3:34 PM
479	Doing something about jacks chevrolet	1/29/2022 2:01 PM
480	Take over the car dealership blight. Make it parking for the green.	1/29/2022 12:12 PM
481	Reduce our taxes	1/29/2022 11:32 AM
482	Pool facilities, fire equipment	1/29/2022 10:15 AM
483	Building repairs and updates for library and youth center	1/29/2022 9:50 AM
484	Bldg. for adequate youth services.	1/29/2022 9:45 AM
485	Bacon Academy is our oldest school building. We should have plans to update the roof, hvac system and windows. Same for the Town Hall building.	1/29/2022 9:12 AM
486	We still need a proper community center with a pool. Bacon Academy also needs a new roof soon	1/29/2022 8:53 AM
487	Additional sidewalks to make Rt 16 walkable to the green	1/29/2022 8:33 AM
488	Leaf pickup	1/29/2022 7:56 AM
489	Town Sponsored Internet Access	1/29/2022 6:54 AM
490	Economic development	1/29/2022 6:24 AM
491	Playground	1/29/2022 2:52 AM
492	Road maintenance	1/29/2022 1:29 AM
493	Online map of road construction that can be updated daily	1/28/2022 10:41 PM
494	How much life is left in those high school portables?? Do we need to add on a few permanent rooms? Some town parking lots need to be replaced desperately. Our town's grounds and school grounds need some attention.	1/28/2022 10:41 PM
495	Fire houses not handicap assessable	1/28/2022 10:36 PM
496	Climate relates issues are on the rise....	1/28/2022 10:19 PM
498	Reduce taxes	1/28/2022 9:59 PM
499	.	1/28/2022 9:45 PM
500	Youth center	1/28/2022 9:43 PM
501	Rec department, more activities for children of all ages	1/28/2022 9:42 PM
502	Purchase additional land for expansion of Rex plex fields	1/28/2022 9:42 PM
503	A school tax break for seniors that don't have students in the system.	1/28/2022 9:33 PM
504	Bacon and JJIS are aging and out of date technology wise for schools today. I would start saving for that and upkeep of the old bacon site.	1/28/2022 9:03 PM

Q10 Do you participate in the BOE budget process and, if so, what methods do you utilize?

Answered: 739 Skipped: 12



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Attend BOE Meetings	10.69%	79
Attend BOE Budget Committee Meetings	2.44%	18
Local Newspaper	39.51%	292
Attend BOE Workshops	3.25%	24
Facebook	23.82%	176
BOE Website	18.00%	133
Attend BOF Meetings	7.71%	57
Unsure how to participate/engage	10.83%	80
I do not participate in BOE budget process	41.68%	308
Other (please specify)	5.68%	42

Total Respondents: 739

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I attend these meetings through zoom when possible.	2/14/2022 11:05 AM
2	FB keeping it all in Colchester posts a lot of information and meetings to remind me	2/14/2022 5:58 AM
3	Attend meetings via Zoom	2/8/2022 5:53 PM
4	Watch Zoom replays	2/7/2022 4:35 PM
5	I do't drive would love it if it were videoed if not vital.	2/6/2022 11:41 AM
6	Through replays of previously recorded Zoom meetings recordings.	2/6/2022 10:30 AM
7	Don't have to ...cut back administration positions. Too many doing the same job.	2/5/2022 11:00 AM
8	Please make public meetings hibrid with in person attendance and zoom.	2/4/2022 8:50 PM
9	Review published budgets & submit comments to BOE committee	2/4/2022 2:45 PM
10	Occasional Zoomer	2/4/2022 12:30 PM
11	BOE budget continues to increase while student enrollment is down? It's out of control!	2/4/2022 12:25 PM
12	I trust the BOE to do what is right for our students and teachers	2/3/2022 4:26 PM
13	At the moment, I don't participate as I am staying out of town with an aging parent.	2/3/2022 12:42 PM
14	Watch recordings after meetings as my job schedule doesn't allow for attendance.	2/3/2022 9:12 AM
15	No comment	2/3/2022 12:16 AM
16	BOE presentations @ PTO meetings	2/2/2022 12:05 PM
17	Discussions with other citizens, parents, etc. We also vote regularly, which is essentially the last step in the budget process.	2/2/2022 7:19 AM
18	We pay our taxes and we expect you to do your due diligence. That is why we elected you.	2/2/2022 5:43 AM
19	Vote	2/1/2022 8:56 PM
20	Voter	2/1/2022 8:20 PM
21	Direct contact	2/1/2022 7:26 PM
22	Read notes after meetings	2/1/2022 7:09 PM

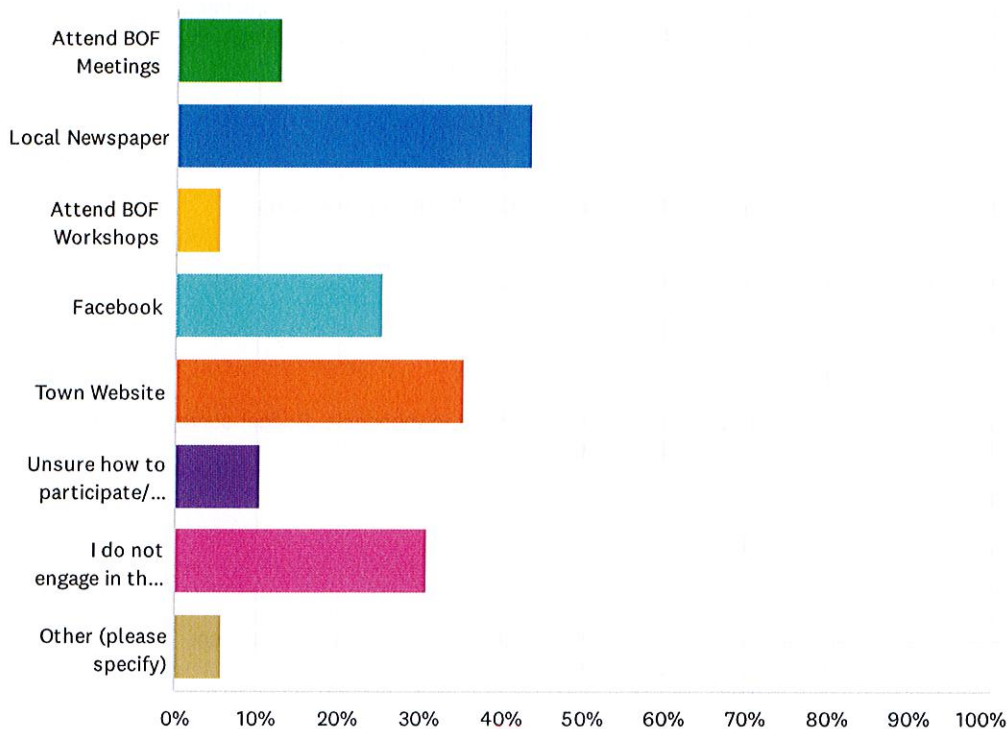
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23	zoom	2/1/2022 6:50 PM
24	Attend occasionally	2/1/2022 6:37 PM
25	I'm 100% Disabled and I wish I could get involved with the town event's but I'm homebound.	2/1/2022 5:42 PM
26	No comment	2/1/2022 5:11 PM
27	Always participate in the Anual Budget Survey	2/1/2022 3:19 PM
28	do not participate on reg basis but have attended in person or zoom based on personal interest in as given issue. Town website is very confusing to navigate for basic info on meetings, etc. Lots of internal govt lingo combined with abundance of input list, etc,	2/1/2022 2:30 PM
29	Occasional BOF meetings	2/1/2022 2:28 PM
30	Vote	2/1/2022 2:22 PM
31	I attend BOE and BOF meetings when I feel that the educational budget is not being supported.	2/1/2022 2:12 PM
32	BOE budget needs to be reduced along with overall staffing.	2/1/2022 1:55 PM
33	I feel confident with the direction of Jeff Burt and his team!!	2/1/2022 1:34 PM
34	Attended BOE meetings when sons were in school.	2/1/2022 1:21 PM
35	Meetings is occasional, not all. Talk with friends, neighbors, other townspeople. Budget survey, presentations given to townspeople at different locations.	2/1/2022 1:15 PM
36	updates/links from First Selectmen	2/1/2022 12:32 PM
37	Keep using the ZOOM process. PLEASE	2/1/2022 10:30 AM
38	Town Hall web site	1/30/2022 3:27 PM
39	I also have watch some recordings of meetings and watch them on zoom. With the current pandemic I would not be willing to attend them in person.	1/30/2022 10:08 AM
40	Zoom, parent meetings, town itemized budget site	1/29/2022 12:12 PM
41	Engage Boe members	1/28/2022 10:41 PM
42	1970-1990s were my time of service to Town Committees	1/28/2022 10:19 PM

## Q11 Do you participate in the Town budget process and, if so, what methods do you utilize?

Answered: 737 Skipped: 14



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Attend BOF Meetings		12.89%	95
Local Newspaper		43.55%	321
Attend BOF Workshops		5.43%	40
Facebook		25.37%	187
Town Website		35.41%	261
Unsure how to participate/engage		10.45%	77
I do not engage in the Town Budget Process		30.94%	228
Other (please specify)		5.83%	43
Total Respondents: 737			

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I attend these meetings through zoom when possible.	2/14/2022 11:05 AM
2	can only attend via zoom and that is not available anymore so I can not be as informed of what is going on	2/11/2022 6:27 PM

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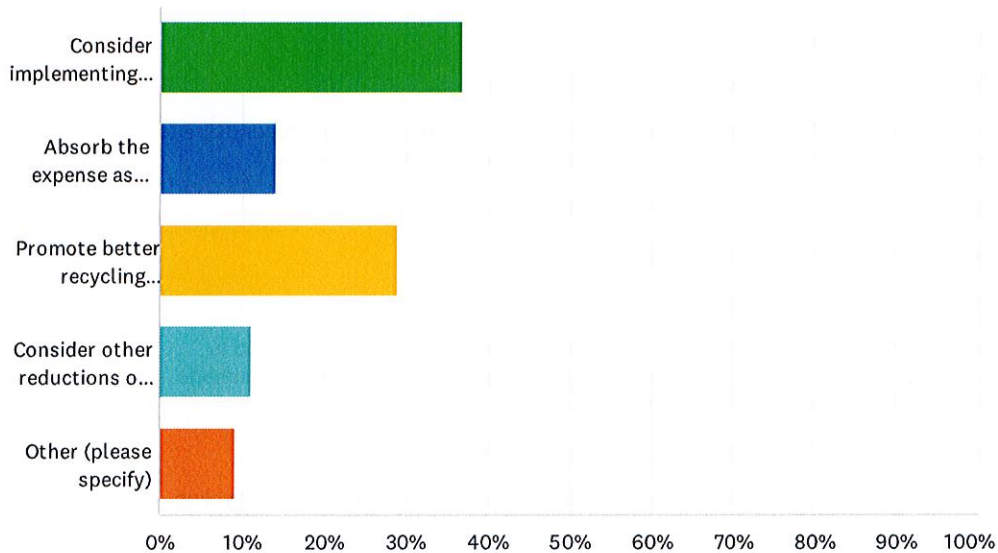
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3	Attend meetings via Zoom	2/8/2022 5:53 PM
4	Watch Zoom replays	2/7/2022 4:35 PM
5	I don't drive . I need a virtual link. I would be happy with posted videoos.	2/6/2022 11:41 AM
6	Through replays of previously recorded Zoom meetings recordings.	2/6/2022 10:30 AM
7	Attend workshops online - please do not take away this option.	2/4/2022 3:55 PM
8	Nobody's opinion matters unless you are part of the corrupt Democrats of Colchester.	2/4/2022 3:55 PM
9	Review published budget information & submit comments to BOF	2/4/2022 2:45 PM
10	Occasional Zoomer	2/4/2022 12:30 PM
11	Voting	2/3/2022 12:42 PM
12	I hate b polotics	2/3/2022 12:16 AM
13	Do	2/2/2022 6:56 PM
14	Discussion with other citizens and parents, as well as participating in all votes.	2/2/2022 7:19 AM
15	I was disgusted by the constant hateful attacks i saw on Facebook by some who had political interests during the last few years. Misinformation and mean-spirited opinions made me leave some of the pages. It frustrated me and made me embarrassed for my town.	2/2/2022 12:24 AM
16	I always do town surveys.	2/1/2022 10:09 PM
17	Vote	2/1/2022 8:56 PM
18	Voter	2/1/2022 8:20 PM
19	Vote	2/1/2022 7:31 PM
20	This survey	2/1/2022 7:02 PM
21	Vote	2/1/2022 7:02 PM
22	zoom meetings	2/1/2022 6:50 PM
23	Occasionally	2/1/2022 6:37 PM
24	No,	2/1/2022 5:11 PM
25	Vote	2/1/2022 2:22 PM
26	I don't attend meetings but I vote and attend BOF meetings if needed.	2/1/2022 2:12 PM
27	Deanne Bouchard	2/1/2022 1:37 PM
28	I attend the BoF meetings and work shops, I would like to see these meetings continue on zoom or an equivalent. This enables more participation in the BoF process.	2/1/2022 1:34 PM
29	Email	2/1/2022 1:25 PM
30	Budget survey. Talk to friends, neighhors and some town employees.	2/1/2022 1:15 PM
31	Vote at referendums	2/1/2022 12:43 PM
32	First Selectmen updates/surveys	2/1/2022 12:32 PM
33	Vote	2/1/2022 11:58 AM
34	Complete this survey. Write to BoS, BoF.	2/1/2022 11:44 AM
35	I do not engage in budget process, but watch it carefully	2/1/2022 11:06 AM
36	Keep using ZOOM.	2/1/2022 10:30 AM
37	Notices/emails from selectman's office	2/1/2022 10:19 AM
38	I vote. I read - I listen and I vote.	1/30/2022 1:53 PM
39	And vote	1/30/2022 10:08 AM

40	Up until now they have been unwatchable because Andreas made BOF unwatchable.	1/29/2022 12:12 PM
41	Engage bos members	1/28/2022 10:41 PM
42	Survey	1/28/2022 10:36 PM
43	I am not a voter	1/28/2022 10:19 PM

Q12 Sometimes our expenses for a town service increase over time. For example, due to trade issues at the national level, we now pay per ton to remove recyclables, whereas this was once was free. To address the increased expense at the transfer station, which option would you likely support?

Answered: 736 Skipped: 15



#### ANSWER CHOICES

#### RESPONSES

Consider implementing fee sources, such as a dump pass or other new source of revenue	36.82%	271
Absorb the expense as transfer station should stay as-is	13.99%	103
Promote better recycling habits, no fee increase	28.94%	213
Consider other reductions or adjustments to the town budget to offset	11.14%	82
Other (please specify)	9.10%	67
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>736</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Reduce town employee overtime to cover these cost increases	2/11/2022 11:13 PM
2	increase the cost to dump	2/11/2022 9:18 AM
3	There are individuals who will come and remove certain types of recyclables from personal residences at no cost; they just need to be outside so they are accessible..	2/10/2022 3:20 PM
4	get more recycling machines so we can do it ourselves. Stop & shop only has a few machines & they never work	2/9/2022 10:20 AM
5	I pay weekly for trash removal. So this is irrelevant and a waste to me	2/7/2022 5:48 PM
6	Explain (trade issues) that effect our town costs.	2/7/2022 4:02 PM

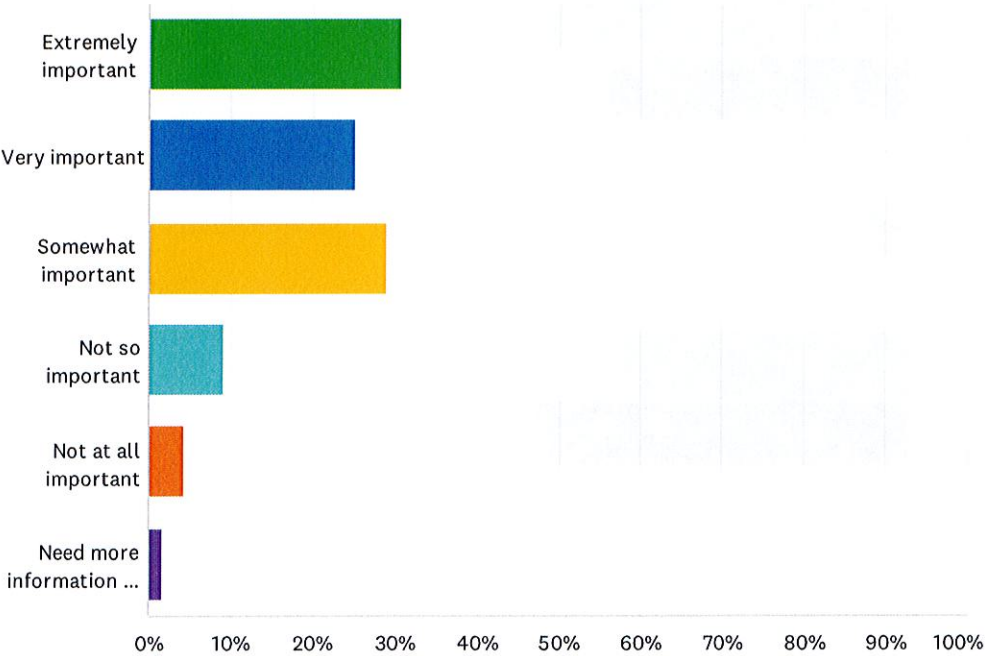
7	We need to be cautious, as raising transfer station fees will increase illegal dumping activities. The unsightliness and cleanup of these activities need to be factored into any fee increase. Not only the cleanup cost. But also, who will do the cleanup? And how timely would these cleanups take place?	2/6/2022 10:30 AM
8	Form a committee to study how other towns have been able to reduce their recycling costs, while also reducing environmental impact.	2/4/2022 8:15 PM
9	Please continue to promote recycling and adjust the budget accordingly to maintain this service.	2/4/2022 3:29 PM
10	Increase the prices we already pay at the transfer station.	2/4/2022 5:54 AM
11	not sure if it would save money, but I don't know anybody that really knows how and what to recycle. We need to learn how to reduce all waste.	2/3/2022 8:30 PM
12	Charge contractors for dumping	2/3/2022 12:16 AM
13	Why am I paying for this? U don't collect it. I use Willi waste	2/2/2022 6:56 PM
14	Recycling is not a top priority of mine. Many programs are not able to recycle properly due to small levels of contamination, which means most "recyclables" end up in landfills.	2/2/2022 6:54 PM
15	we pay when using service so have a small increase	2/2/2022 5:33 PM
16	I thought towns made money off of recycling	2/2/2022 4:24 PM
17	Vote Republican on the national level	2/2/2022 2:11 PM
18	The Transfer station is a joke. Open 2 days only during the day, a mile down the road is another transfer station that is open multiple time and during the evening. I pay for garbage removal because of the poor access to the transfer station	2/2/2022 10:11 AM
19	If Recyclables are disposed of at transfer station charge a fee to the individual.	2/2/2022 7:39 AM
20	I'd support new fee sources and/or absorbing the expense, while promoting better recycling habits. I would not support offsetting other items to keep dump prices flat.	2/2/2022 7:19 AM
21	Research other ways to get rid of recyclables. Paper mills pay for cardboard as a raw material.	2/2/2022 6:12 AM
22	Increase the price of recyclables at the transfer station.	2/2/2022 6:03 AM
23	You need to treat the transfer station as a business. No more cash there. Charge more for those people that have more garbage. Dump hours may need to be changed. Technology may need to be brought in to process refuse --(third party). Town needs to get involved in a redemption center!!	2/2/2022 5:43 AM
24	consider giving each house hold a 40\$ dump passes for a year.	2/2/2022 3:50 AM
25	Set-up waste to energy pilot projects, municipal composting pilot project.	2/1/2022 9:39 PM
26	I don't know. Find out what other towns do that don't charge and have better hours. Follow that.	2/1/2022 9:26 PM
27	Increase the property tax or impose a per-structure fee.	2/1/2022 8:56 PM
28	Ok increasing if it decreased when trade issues improved	2/1/2022 7:32 PM
29	Not sure I have to pay Willimantic waste paper for trash services	2/1/2022 7:04 PM
30	One/two timers annually=free; frequent users=dump pass fee	2/1/2022 7:02 PM
31	Install compactors, make it more efficient	2/1/2022 6:27 PM
32	Implement fees for recyclables sent out, also increase the number of later afternoon hours the transfer station is open	2/1/2022 6:10 PM
33	Recycling and landfill is a requirement that cannot be avoided. It's of any costs	2/1/2022 5:11 PM
34	The revenue taken in at the transfer station is a "Guess" by your worker. It needs to done by weight and the type of materials. A year pass would help as well. Look at many other towns and the process they use. Many are not guessing.	2/1/2022 3:49 PM
35	I don't utilize the dump or transfer station.	2/1/2022 3:10 PM

36	Raise taxes and provide tax collections town wide instead of the current nonsensical situation	2/1/2022 2:22 PM
37	Keep it pay as you go. I do not recycle at the dump but pay for pick up through Willimantic Waste. People should pay for their use.	2/1/2022 2:12 PM
38	Possibly charge by weight per car load???	2/1/2022 2:08 PM
39	Undecided	2/1/2022 2:04 PM
40	increase fees for those that use the transfer station.	2/1/2022 1:55 PM
41	Charge people to dump recyclables. I'm not sure why this isn't an option.	2/1/2022 1:51 PM
42	unsure, yet I wish hrs and availability were more	2/1/2022 1:48 PM
43	Get some people in there that don't skim the cash. Get a monthly pass price. Look at Glastonbury's system	2/1/2022 1:47 PM
44	Other reductions to encourage recycling.	2/1/2022 1:41 PM
45	We should restrict residents only to use our landfill!! This will decrease our expenses as we no longer make monies on recycling we should also promote better recycling habits for example where do we recycle lithium batteries. Make it as easy as possible and easy to follow.	2/1/2022 1:34 PM
46	Consider town based trash pickup	2/1/2022 1:25 PM
47	Eliminate recycling	2/1/2022 1:24 PM
48	I already pay for private pickup so let's go with dumpage fees for everyone else	2/1/2022 1:21 PM
49	Have those who are using the transfer station for recycling absorb the costs. As someone who pays for trash-pick up I do not use the station for recycling thus do not want to pay for someone else that does. With that said, the transfer station is great and very well run etc. I think it should just cost more for those who use the recycling service.	2/1/2022 1:19 PM
50	Recycling is useless it all gets dumped in the Philippines anyway	2/1/2022 1:18 PM
51	reduce police funding & reallocate	2/1/2022 1:16 PM
52	Promote better recycling habits. See what other resources are out there to take/recycle trash for more revenue (e.g. food scraps). Encourage townspeople and town buildings/schools to recycle more/differently, compost, use reusable containers. There is so much more that can be down on individual basis, people need to be educated and then have a reason to change (e.g. fees going up may affect some). We already pay fee for garbage by bag (I've noticed while waiting, some do not pay, but then put bags in household trash). There also seem to be many businesses dumping LOTS of waste. Do they pay or is it free for them?	2/1/2022 1:15 PM
53	Increase dump pricing	2/1/2022 12:55 PM
54	Increase garbage fee to \$4 per bag	2/1/2022 12:43 PM
55	I already pay to have my trash and recyclables picked up.	2/1/2022 12:41 PM
56	We pay for private garbage service that includes recyclable pickup. We feel the people who bring their recyclables to the transfer station should pay the fee to drop off their recyclables there. The cost should be theirs to incur.	2/1/2022 12:32 PM
57	This issue is big! Perhaps try collecting organic waste separately to compost and sell. Promote better recycling but if no one buys it it doesn't help. Any program to encourage less waste would help.	2/1/2022 12:00 PM
58	No fee for those who sort and recycle but increased fee for those who don't.	2/1/2022 12:00 PM
59	Lower education and provide services to those without children	2/1/2022 11:25 AM
60	An affordable annual resident dump use pass to cover all trash and recycling	2/1/2022 11:21 AM
61	Dump fee for those who use transfer station for regular trash, not for recycling. We must encourage recycling, not discourage it!	2/1/2022 11:06 AM
62	Am thinking someone ultimately makes money on recyclables? Is the cost a transportation cost? Is it feasible for the town to work with other towns to do our own transporting?	2/1/2022 10:52 AM

63	Do not use this service	2/1/2022 10:50 AM
64	Phase out recycling	2/1/2022 10:29 AM
65	Most towns include a dump pass as part of their property taxes	1/30/2022 3:27 PM
66	I think promoting better recycle habits should definitely happen but I would also consider implementing fee source but it would have to be discussed and voted on by the town. Also if we go to fee source it would have to be opened more to accommodate more peoples schedules	1/30/2022 10:08 AM
67	Raise taxes	1/29/2022 2:52 AM

Q13 How important to you is preserving the rural character of Colchester through open space and farmland preservation efforts?

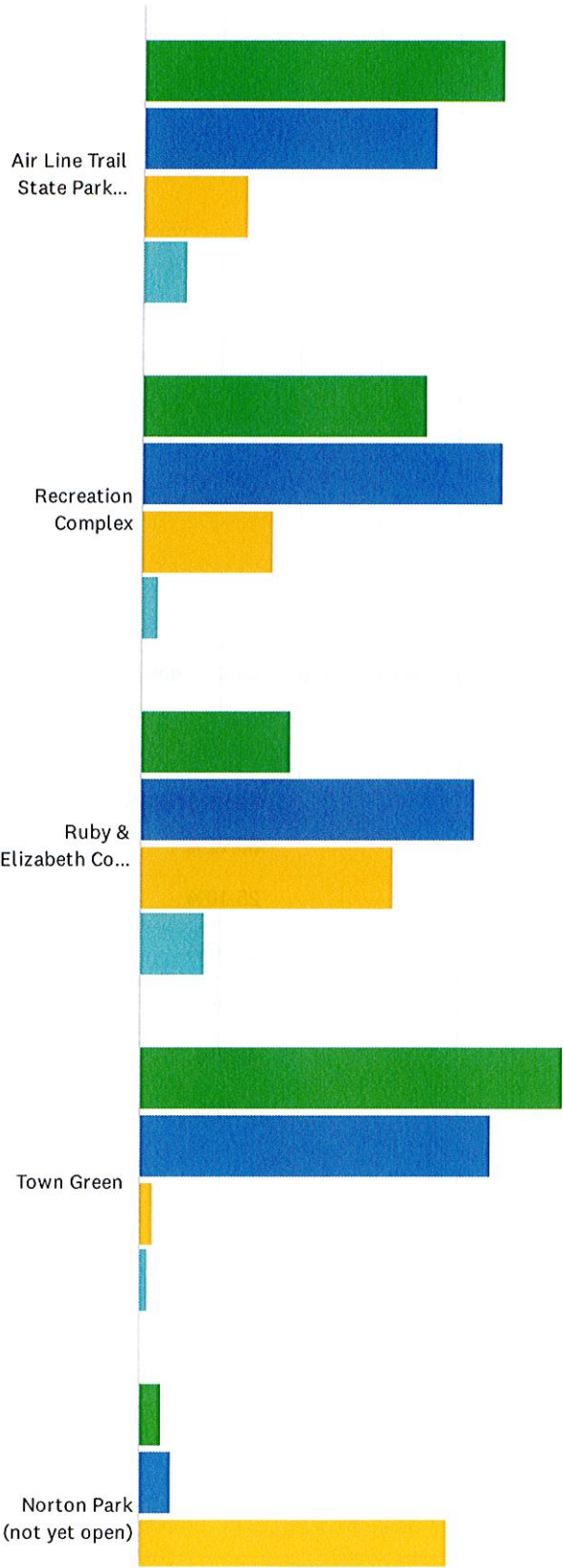
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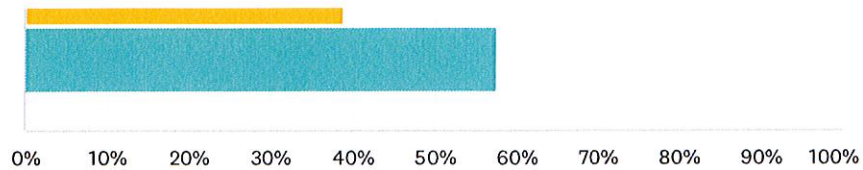


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Extremely important	30.71%	230
Very important	25.10%	188
Somewhat important	28.97%	217
Not so important	9.21%	69
Not at all important	4.27%	32
Need more information to decide	1.74%	13
TOTAL		749

Q14 Which town parks do you currently use or intend to use in the future?

Answered: 750    Skipped: 1





■ Visit frequ... 
 ■ Visit infreq... 
 ■ Never visited 
 ■ Intend to vi...

	VISIT FREQUENTLY	VISIT INFREQUENTLY	NEVER VISITED	INTEND TO VISIT	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
Air Line Trail State Park (Spur)	45.59% 336	37.04% 273	13.30% 98	5.56% 41	737
Recreation Complex	36.11% 264	45.69% 334	16.69% 122	2.05% 15	731
Ruby & Elizabeth Cohen Woodlands	19.07% 140	42.23% 310	31.88% 234	8.04% 59	734
Town Green	53.49% 399	44.37% 331	1.61% 12	1.07% 8	746
Norton Park (not yet open)	2.73% 19	4.03% 28	38.85% 270	57.55% 400	695

